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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Lee Sack formerly of the  
Scripps-Howard newspapers, now of the State  
Department and recently appointed U. S.  
Minister to Costa Rica, telephoned and stated  
he was very anxious to get in touch with Mr.  
Hoover. He desired his home telephone number  
or word to reach him as soon as possible that  
he desired Mr. Hoover to call him. Mr. Sack's  
home telephone number is Cleveland - 1266.

Respectfully,

*C. E. Kleinkauf*

C. E. Kleinkauf.

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September 11, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Mr. Leo Sack communicated with me by telephone on September 9, 1933, to make an appointment for me to see Mr. Feinburg, editor of the American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune, and Judge Cayton of Washington, D. C., on Monday, September 11, 1933.

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William Dudley Riley

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September 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HUGHES

On September 11, 1933 Judge Clayton of Washington, D. C. and Mr. Feinburg, editor of the American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune, called to see me concerning certain Nazi activities in this country. Mr. Feinburg discussed at some length the activities of William Dudley Pelly, about whom an article appears upon Page 239 of the attached issue of American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune for September 8, 1933. Mr. Feinburg also referred to the activities of one Colonel Edwin Emerson who is located in New York City and who, according to Mr. Feinburg, is actively associated with Nazi propaganda in this country.

I advised Mr. Feinburg that in so far as I could determine from his statements there was no violation of Federal statute involved, but I suggested that he confer while in Washington with the Solicitor of the Post Office Department, particularly concerning certain issues of the Nazi propaganda magazines, copies of which he had in his possession. He stated he would do this and would also then send to me copies of these magazines in order that I might submit the entire matter to the Criminal Division of the Department in order to definitely determine whether the Federal Government would have any jurisdiction toward stopping the dissemination of propaganda creating racial prejudice.

I wish you would review our files and see whether we have anything concerning William Dudley Pelly, and also Colonel Edwin Emerson. I understand that Pelly is located at Asheville, North Carolina, from which point he disseminates various literature against the Jews, the NRA, and the Communists.

When the further material is received from Mr. Feinburg, I would like to have you transmit the same by memorandum to the Criminal Division with the request that it advise what if any action should be taken by this Division in the matter.

Very truly yours,

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September 20, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. STANLEY.

Mr. Charles K. Feinberg, editor of the American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune, New York City, has complained to the Division of the activities of William Dudley Pelley and Colonel Edwin Emerson, in distributing Nazi propaganda in the United States, Pelley being located at Asheville, North Carolina, where he is disseminating literature against the Jews, the National Recovery Administration and the Communists. According to Mr. Feinberg, Colonel Emerson is located in New York City, where he is active in these matters.

I am transmitting herewith the following material, which has been received from Mr. Feinberg:

American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune, September 8, 1933.  
An article from Liberation of May 27, 1933, entitled "What does Mr. McFadden mean by 'Great Britain'?"  
An article from Liberation of September 9, 1933, entitled "Where we Stand on M-I-R-A..."  
Liberation, June 24, 1933.  
Liberation, July 1, 1933.  
Liberation, July 8, 1933.  
Liberation, July 15, 1933.  
Liberation, July 22, 1933.  
Liberation, July 29, 1933.  
Liberation, August 5, 1933.  
Liberation, August 12, 1933.  
Liberation, August 19, 1933.  
Liberation, August 26, 1933.  
Liberation, September 2, 1933.  
Liberation, September 9, 1933.

Your advice will be appreciated as to whether, from the foregoing material, there is involved a violation of any federal statute over which this Division has investigative jurisdiction, and what, if any, action you desire taken.

Copies of the above material are not retained in the Division files and it is desired that it be returned after it has served its purpose as Mr. Feinberg has requested that it be returned to him.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #677872.



# American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune

212 FIFTH AVENUE  
New York

DAVID A. BROWN, President and Publisher

Mr. Nathan	_____
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A WEEKLY JOURNAL FOR THE JEWS OF AMERICA

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September 14th, 1933

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ON 10-11-2005

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Vermont Avenue and K Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You will recall I promised to send you copies of LIBERATION for such investigation as you might undertake to make. There has been a delay of a couple of days in my getting the material to you, because I found it necessary to get photostats made of certain pages, the original copies of which I was unable to send you.

I now have the material all together, and am sending you, under separate cover, the various copies and photostats which will show the underhanded attack upon the Administration, particularly the President.

I am sure I need not repeat that we are deeply grateful for the courtesy you extended to Judge Cayton and myself during our interview last Monday morning. We feel that this whole Pelley outfit is a destructive element, and that there is certainly ground for putting them out of business as a subversive and anarchistic organization, aside from the fact that they are fomenting surreptitiously, as well as openly, a tremendous amount of racial hatred and bigotry.

We should be very eager to learn of any developments and information such as you mentioned might be available, and would be deeply appreciative if you could advise us from time to time of such matters as you find it possible to discuss.

Might I ask that, when you are through with the material I am sending you, you return it to us, as they are the only copies we have.

Sincerely yours,

Charles K. Feinberg  
Vice President

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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MEMORANDUM

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF JUSTICE

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Reference is made to the complaint made to the Division by Charles K. Feinberg, editor of the American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune, that William Dudley Pelley, Asheville, North Carolina, and Colonel Edwin Emerson, New York City, are actively associated with the distribution of Nazi propaganda in this country.

The only information in the Division files with respect to William Dudley Pelley is a letter dated June 3, 1933 from Wallace T. Metcalfe, Probate Court, Youngstown, Ohio, in which he advised the Division that an organization known as the Silver Shirts headed by one William Dudley Pelley of Asheville, North Carolina, was attempting to organize a branch of the Silver Shirts at Youngstown, Ohio, and that he, Metcalfe, had applied for membership solely for the purpose of obtaining information and transmitting it to the Division.

There is also a newspaper clipping in the file reflecting that Walter Winchell in his "On Broadway" column makes reference to the Silver Shirts, a southern organization similar to the Klu Klux Klan, stating that this organization sympathized with Hitlerism and that they, in their magazine, declared war against the same creeds and colored races that the Klan and the Nazis opposed. Winchell states further that this organization does not believe in President Roosevelt's idea of world peace, or anything that might blend all men; that they want a dictator of their own choice and demand a war in this country to bring this about; further, that they publish articles to incite hatred and bloodshed.

### Colonel Edwin Emerson

The Division's attention was first called to Colonel Edwin Emerson in 1915 when he was suspected of being an international spy, as it had been learned that he had received \$1,000, presumably for traveling expenses, from Count Von Bernstorff of Germany. On November 9, 1915, the Department of State advised the Division that passport #55470 was issued to Edwin Emerson on April 22, 1915, and called attention to the fact that Emerson, when making his application for passport, stated that he was born in New York City, January 23, 1869, whereas it appeared in "Who's Who in America" that he was born in Dresden, Saxony. A subsequent examination by the Division of the birth records of the Department of Health, New York City, covering the years 1868, 1869 and 1870, failed to

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locate the birth certificate of Edwin Emerson. At A. N. Marquis & Company, 440 South Devlin Street, Chicago, Illinois, publishers of "Who's Who in America", it was found that Emerson had filled in blanks with information which was subsequently published in "Who's Who in America". From this source the following information was obtained:

"EMERSON, EDWIN

War corr.; b. Dresden, Saxony; s. Edwin and Marie Louise (Ingham) E.; A. B. Harvard, 1891; unmarried. Was foreign corr. Boston Post, later in editorial work New York Evening Post, Sun and Harper's Weekly; then sec. Teachers Coll. (Columbia) until 1898. Went to front in Spanish-Am. War as corr. Leslie's weekly; engaged in military exploration of Porto Rico for U.S.Gen. Staff; joined Roosevelt's Rough Riders, serving in engagement at San Juan and in the trenches before Santiago. War corr. Collier's Weekly and Illustrierte Zeitung in S. America; took part in Colombian-Venezuelan War, 1901, as Venezuelan col. vols.; decorated by President Castro with order of Bolivar for gallantry in action. War corr. New York World, Chicago News, Westminster Gazette, Black and White, Le Monde Illustré, Illustrierte Zeitung and Yorodzu Choho in Russo-Japanese War. Served in U.S. Relief work in San Francisco at time of earthquake and San Francisco fire, 1906; received public commendation of Pres. Taft, served as war corr. in Central America during Guatemalan troubles and Nicaraguan civil war, 1908-09; Editor Army and Navy Life, 1910; commd. Capt. 1st N.Y. Field Arty. 1911, detailed to U.S.Gen. Staff and served on confidential mission in Mexico during Mexican Civil war, 1911; accompanied Gen. Huerta in his Chihuahua campaign, 1912; served as a.-d.-c. during Am. intervention in Nicaragua 1912; in Mexico during Feb. revolution 1913; commd. acting adj.-gen. N.Y. Div. Staff, 1913; returned to Mexico on confidential mission for Gen. Staff 1914; Mem. N.Y. Hist. Soc., Franklin Inst., Japanese Hist. Soc., Santiago Soc. CLUBS: Army and Navy, Press, Harvard, National Arts, Automobile of America. AUTHOR: College Year Book 1897; Pepys' Ghost 1899; In War and Peace 1899; Rough Rider Stories, 1900; History of the 19th Century 1902; The Monroe Doctrine in Venezuela, 1903; Paper Butterflies from Manchuria; Both sides of a War 1910; Central American Dictators, 1911; Nicaraguan Notes, 1912, Mexican notes, 1913. Address: Harvard Club, New York."

Shortly after the Division began making inquiries as to Emerson, he departed from this country, using the passport which had been issued to him on April 22, 1915. After his departure, in view of the conflicting

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statements as to his birth, the Department of State revoked his passport and issued instructions to the American Consul abroad to take up same. An effort on the part of the Consuls at Switzerland and Berlin elicited from Emerson a statement that the passport was given him as a means of protection and that he would not give it up. In this connection there is a copy of a letter in the file from the American Consular Agent at Damascus to the American Ambassador at Constantinople, in which he states as follows: "Despite the fact that the Germans in Damascus were doing everything to hurt our interests, the German Consul gave a large dinner party to Emerson, which was returned in a few days. Shortly after his arrival he insisted upon making an official call on the officer commanding the German garrison in Damascus. He was rather coldly received, and Emerson swore he would have him removed. In a few days the threat was a fact."

"There is no question in my mind that Emerson is in the pay of the German Government; this he practically admitted when he stated that he was the principal writer of the Continental Times of Berlin, a subsidized German paper to make propaganda in the English speaking world."

Emerson claims to have been in the Spanish-American war under Colonel Roosevelt; to have been a member of the New York National Guard, with the official rank of Colonel, which he claimed to represent as an observer in the Near East, acting under orders from Major General O'Ryan, New York City; to have represented the Washington Post as correspondent, which the management of the Post is alleged to have denied.

Under date of March 15, 1916, Emerson wrote from Berlin as follows to an American Consular official: "As a matter of fact and of birthright, I am an American citizen, and am proud to remain so. Not having been born in Hoboken, but very far from there, as 'Who's Who' clearly states, it has never occurred to me to claim fair Hoboken as a birthplace. So far for my citizenship and origin." This would seem to prove conclusively that he was born in Dresden, Germany.

While there is very little information in the files which was gathered by the Division, there are numerous copies of correspondence received from the Department of State concerning the pro-German activities of Emerson. Under date of December 21, 1920 the Department of State requested advice from the Department as to what, if any, charge could be placed upon Emerson in the event of his return to the United States. Under date of December 29, 1920, the Department advised that while there was considerable information regarding the connections and activities of Emerson, there was insufficient evidence, at least in its present status, to substantiate prosecution.

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From the information received from the State Department during the time Emerson was out of the United States, it appeared that he would be prevented from returning to the United States, or should he return that he would be immediately arrested upon his arrival. However, there is a letter in the file dated February 26, 1924, addressed to the Division, from Lieutenant Colonel Kerr T. Riggs, War Department, advising that Emerson had been seen several times during that month (February) at the Harvard Club, 27 West 44th Street, New York City.

During the war Emerson, while in Berlin, was an active leader of the "League of Oppressed Peoples", which organization had a branch in New York City.

The report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie, dated at New York City, April 14, 1921, in the case entitled Edwin Emerson, International Spy, reflects that Emerson was born in Dresden, Germany, naturalized in the United States, served in the National Guard, Field Artillery, New York, arrested in Japan as a spy for Russia, also arrested in Germany, where he served as correspondent for the New York World; that he later sued the New York World for considerable back salary, claiming he was held by the Germans; that he was expelled from Switzerland for publishing lies about the President of the Swiss Republic in 1915-16; that he was editor of the "Continental Times", an American paper in Germany which was anti-American.

No doubt the records of the Passport Division, Department of State, and the Bureau of Immigration, Department of Labor, could furnish much additional information regarding the activities of Emerson. It would be particularly interesting to know how Emerson managed to return to this country and remain.

Respectfully,

*T. N. Stapleton*

T. N. Stapleton.

JEH:HCB

September 29, 1933.

Honorable Nathan Cayton,  
Municipal Court of the District of Columbia,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Judge:

I received the copy of "Liberation" for September 23, 1933, which you sent me. I am forwarding this to the Departmental officials for consideration in connection with this general matter as to what, if any, action can be taken under the present laws.

With expressions of my best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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September 29, 1955.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HUGHES

With reference to my memorandum of September 14, 1955, advising of the visit of Mr. C. K. Feinberg, who had called in company with Judge Cayton concerning certain Nazi propaganda against the Jews in this country, I am attaching hereto a copy of "Liberation" which was forwarded to my office yesterday by Judge Cayton. Will you please obtain as soon as possible a ruling upon this whole matter and draft an appropriate letter to Judge Cayton as to what the decision of the Department is as to our jurisdiction, if any, in this case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl.

*Mr. Hughes  
Reading*

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Mr. Charles K. Feinberg,  
Vice-President,  
American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune,  
212 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

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Dear Mr. Feinberg:

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Reference is made to my recent conference with you and Judge Cayton, of this city, concerning the activities of William Dudley Pelley and Colonel Edwin Emerson, in distributing Nazi propaganda in this country; also to your letter dated September 14, 1933, transmitting copies of the periodical published by Pelley at Asheville, North Carolina, with respect to the Silver Shirts of America.

For your information, I am transmitting herewith a copy of my letter to Judge Cayton, wherein you will note that the Department has advised that the activities of the above persons do not violate any Federal Statutes within the investigative jurisdiction of this Division.

In view of the foregoing, I am returning to you the copies of the magazines, as you requested, in view of the fact that you might desire to forward them to the Postmaster General for consideration by the Post Office Department of the possibility that violations of the Postal Laws have occurred.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

Enclosure #679447.

No copies these magazines retained in Div. file



# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 9, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 20, 1933, relative to a complaint made to this Division by Charles K. Feinberg, editor of the American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune, New York City, that William Dudley Pelley and Colonel Edwin Emerson, were actively engaged in distributing Nazi propaganda in the United States.

For your further information in this matter, I am transmitting herewith a copy of the issue of "Liberation", dated September 23, 1933, at Asheville, North Carolina, which has been received from Mr. Feinberg who calls attention to the marked portions of this issue alleging that a bold and open attack is being made upon the President, the National Recovery Administration and the present American form of Government.

As previously requested, will you please advise whether there is involved in these allegations a violation of any Federal statute within the investigative jurisdiction of this Division and what, if any, action you desire taken. No copies of the above issue of "Liberation" are being retained in the Division files and it is requested that it be returned with the other material in order that it may be transmitted to Mr. Feinberg.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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October 9, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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Very truly yours,

Encl. #360324

Director.

From  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
to  
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The Attorney General .....		Mr. Nathan.....
The Solicitor General .....		Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. MacLean - Asst. Sol. Genl. ....		Mr. Clegg.....
Assistant Attorney General Sweeney .....		Mr. Edwards.....
Assistant Attorney General Wideman .....		Mr. Egan.....
Assistant Attorney General Malloy .....		Mr. Hughes.....
Assistant Attorney General Stephens .....		Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Stewart, Administrative Assistant .....		Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Hoover, Director of Investigation .....	✓	Mr. Locke.....
Mr. Hurley, Assistant Director .....		
Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons .....		
Mr. Keenan .....		
Mr. Carusi .....		
Mr. Parrish .....		
Mr. McGrath .....		
Mr. Beardslee .....		
Mr. Levitt .....		
Mr. Gardner, General Agent and Chief Clerk .....		
Mr. Glendon .....		
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WILLIAM STANLEY  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Gandy	.....

Department of Justice  
Washington

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October 6, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Re: Complaint of Charles K. Feinberg.

As per our conversation this morning, I am enclosing  
herewith papers in connection with the complaint of Charles K.  
Feinberg.

*William Stanley*

William Stanley  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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Note that in the issue of September 23rd, 1933  
a bold and open attack is made upon the President, the NRA,  
and the present American form of Government.

Note particularly the marked portions of this issue  
and the adroit reference to the Department of Justice and  
the President, on page ten.

Please communicate with

Mr. C. K. Feinberg  
212 Fifth Avenue  
New York

or

Judge Nathan Cayton

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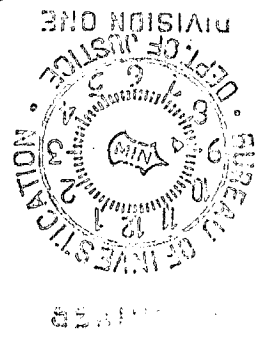
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October 7, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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DATE 4-25-90 BY SP7MAC/HCB

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Referring to your memorandum of the 23d instant, requesting my views with respect to the memorandum from the Director of the Division of Investigation as to the complaint of Charles K. Feinberg, editor of the American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune, as to the activities of William Dudley Pelley and Colonel Edwin Emerson in distributing Nazi propaganda in the United States and disseminating literature against the Jews, the National Recovery Administration and the Communists, I beg to advise you that I have examined the enclosures and have reached the conclusion that the complaint does not fall within the provisions of any Federal statute and therefore would not warrant an investigation by the Division of Investigation.

In this connection it may be stated, however, that Section 344 of Title 18, United States Code, provides as follows:

"Every letter, writing, circular, postal card, picture, printing, engraving, photograph, newspaper, pamphlet, book, or other publication, matter or thing, of any kind, containing any matter advocating or urging treason, insurrection, or forcible resistance to any law of the United States, is hereby declared to be non-mailable."

Section 345 of Title 18, United States Code, contains the penalty for the use or attempted use of the mails for the transmission of matter declared nonmailable. It does not appear that the magazines in question fall within the above statute, but inasmuch as said magazines are entered as mail matter or second class mail, it

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might be desirable to refer the complaint to the Postmaster General for consideration. The Director in his memorandum calls attention to the fact, however, that Mr. Weinberg desires the magazines returned to him.

Respectfully,

PAT MALLOY,  
Assistant Attorney General.

HN:GAJ

October 19, 1933.

Honorable Nathan Cayton,  
Municipal Court of the District  
of Columbia,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Judge:

Supplementing my letter of September 29, 1933, in connection with the activities of William Dudley Pelley and Colonel Edwin Emerson, in distributing Nazi propaganda in the United States, please be advised that I am in receipt of advice from the Department to the effect that the activities of the above persons do not violate any of the Federal Statutes within the investigative jurisdiction of this Division.

In this connection, however, the Department quotes Section 344 of Title 18, United States Code, which provides as follows:

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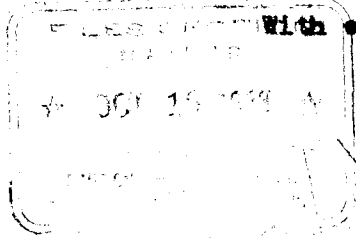
In view of Departmental instructions to the effect that these activities do not violate any of the Federal Statutes within the investigative jurisdiction of this Division, I am returning to Mr. Feinberg the magazines which he forwarded, inasmuch as it is possible Mr. Feinberg may desire to transmit said magazines to the Postmaster General for consideration by the Post Office Department of the question whether a violation of the Postal Laws has occurred.

With expressions of my best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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Director.



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 18, 1933.

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
AND REFER TO  
INITIALS AND NUMBER

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

I inclose you herewith memo from the  
Criminal <sup>Division</sup> Department, in which they express the  
opinion that the complaint of Charles K. Feinberg  
does not warrant an investigation by your Depart-  
ment.

*W.S.*  
WILLIAM STANLEY  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 3, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Referring to your memorandum of the 23d instant, requesting my views with respect to the memorandum from the Director of the Division of Investigation as to the complaint of Charles K. Feinberg, editor of the American Hebrew and Jewish Tribune, as to the activities of William Dudley Pelley and Colonel Edwin Merson in distributing Nazi propaganda in the United States and disseminating literature against the Jews, the National Recovery Administration and the Communists, I beg to advise you that I have examined the enclosures and have reached the conclusion that the complaint does not fall within the provisions of any Federal statute and therefore would not warrant an investigation by the Division of Investigation.

In this connection it may be stated, however, that Section 344 of Title 18, United States Code, provides as follows:

"Every letter, writing, circular, postal card, picture, printing, engraving, photograph, newspaper, pamphlet, book, or other publication, matter or thing, of any kind, containing any matter advocating or urging treason, insurrection, or forcible resistance to any law of the United States, is hereby declared to be non-mailable."

Section 345 of Title 18, United States Code, contains a penalty for the use or attempted use of the mails for the transmission of matter declared nonmailable. It does not appear that the magazines in question fall within the above statute, but inasmuch as said magazines are entered as mail matter of second class mail, it might be desirable to refer the complaint to the Postmaster General for consideration. The Director in his memorandum calls attention to the fact, however, that Mr. Feinberg desires the magazines returned to him.

Respectfully,

(s) PARRISH

PAT-MALLOY

Assistant-Attorney-General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

In regard to the letter addressed to me by Mr. Frank J. Prince, dated April 19, 1934, concerning the Calahad Press, William Dudley Pelley, and the magazine "Liberation," I wish that you would have this matter looked into to determine whether there is a possibility of any violation of the Federal Bankruptcy laws or any other Federal Statute in this matter, and if there is, I of course would like to have an immediate and vigorous investigation initiated. Please advise me of what you determine in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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TITLE: <b>WILLIAM DUDLEY KELLEY; ROBERT C. SUMMERVILLE; GALAHAD PRESS, INC.; FOUNDATION FOR CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS; SILVER LEGION OF AMERICA; SILVER SHIRTS; LEAGUE OF LIBERATION; SILVER RANGER; LIBERATION</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>NAZI ACTIVITIES</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

A general survey of the records and numerous volumes of files of the bankrupt Galahad Press, Inc., and kindred organizations reveals a broad activity in the fields of religion, science, education, politics and finance. Facts developed show a relationship of instant organizations to Nazi movement. Many files seized and taken to Washington, D. C., by interested Congressional Committee.

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REFERENCE:

Division letter dated May 29, 1934, and June 4, 1934.

DETAILS:

In connection with the investigation of the alleged violations of the bankruptcy statutes by the interested persons identified with the Galahad Press, Inc., Asheville, North Carolina, the writer interviewed Mr. William J. Cocke, Trustee. Mr. Cocke informed that numerous agencies of the government had made an examination of the available records; that at present the Referee was holding hearings in connection

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with the bankruptcy; that the records were located in his office, in the office of Mr. George Craig, Referee, and in the offices of the Sheriff of Buncombe County, Asheville, North Carolina, and that all the files and records had not been secured from Mr. William Dudley Pelley, President of the Galahad Press.

Accompanied by Mr. Cocke agent proceeded to the tenth floor of the Buncombe County Court House and found there in custody of the Sheriff in a large 40x40 room numerous files and boxes of literature belonging, according to Mr. Cocke, to the Galahad Press and its many kindred religious, fraternal, educational, financial and political organizations. The material was "dumped" in the room and in disorder.

Mr. Cocke mentioned that recently Mr. E. J. Stanley, Field Representative of a Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities had made a search of the files with his help and removed therefrom all letters and documents relating to the Nazi situation; that the examination of the thousand of files was made in a period of a few hours; that no indexes were available and they did not have any system in removing the material.

The writer did not discuss the Nazi material with Mr. Cocke but in making a general survey of the impounded material read many of the files and articles on various subjects. It was noted that generally the Zone Captains were encouraging the enrollment of persons identified with Nazi, as for example a typical letter was removed from the files dated March 7, 1934. It stated, "I wish you to write, L. W. Thon 5302 Chandler Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, he is in contact with Germany and is in a position to look up any particular news you may desire. He is one of our key men here in the city,---and very valuable member of the Norwood Post." The above is quoted from a letter from R. C. Zimmerman 715 Elm. Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Captain of Ohio to Mr. Robert Summerville, The General Staff, Asheville, North Carolina.

Many letters from persons in foreign countries were found in the files as were hundreds of original naturalization papers. A typical letter of a foreign representative is reflected in the letter following. The letter is a reply of Robert C. Summerville to a letter from Princess M. Karadja, Willa Lux Monti, Locarno, Monti Del La Trinta, Switzerland, of June, 1933, suggesting

that the General Staff utilize the Hitler Government  
and organize the Germans in America.

Asheville, N. C.  
April 12, 1934

Dear Princess:

I was overjoyed to get your fine letter of  
recent date.

Things are breaking for us in this country  
with remarkable swiftness, and it is no longer possible  
for us to keep in the background, and, as you will notice  
in the current issue of Liberation - that of April 14 -  
they are about to institute quite a bit of adverse  
information in our daily press throughout the nation.  
The real fight is just beginning. It is becoming the  
realization in many, many quarters that the Silver Legion  
may distinctly affect the future destiny of these United  
States.

If you are in touch with our national news,  
you may have heard about the Dr. Wirt disclosures, and  
I am enclosing a recent monograph the Chief issued for  
our private News Service in Washington, D. C., which  
presents an extremely accurate picture of exactly what  
is happening behind the scenes in governmental circles.

By all means, be our representative in any "World  
Service" conferences. No personal contact with you is  
needed to support our splendid belief in your capabilities,  
and, by all means, send us all important news which comes  
to your hand.

It is exceedingly unlikely that any of the  
General Staff of the Silver Legion would be about to get  
away for a conference in Europe this coming September -  
all of us are so tragically needed for the pressing  
demands in this national fight. Everything is pyramiding faster  
than we can properly take care of it. As things stand now,  
it would also be financially impossible to supply the funds  
for such a trip. Despite pyramiding membership, we are going  
forward on a shoe-string basis. The work continues to be  
supported out of the pockets of poor people. It seems to  
be universally true that those with money are those hounded

by fear and selfishness, lacking in that higher patriotism which is ready to altruistically sacrifice for the good of the nation.

While this financial lack completely proves the utterly sincere nature of this endeavor, it has, at the same time, prevented us from printing the Creutz pamphlet. It is all ready for the printer, once we can find the funds with which to print it. We are counting on being about to print it this next month, however. It is for this reason that I have not wired to you for the \$20.00, which you have so kindly offered. It would be only the beginning to the printing required, and we are at present making every effort to fulfill obligations already contracted.

You may ask, if this is the case, how are we able to successfully proceed. If the Liberation Magazine and Silver Ranger were stopped tomorrow, this work would go on almost as indomitably. From the beginning it has grown completely by personal contact, without any advertising of any nature whatsoever, and the skeleton of our national organization, from the standpoint of personnel, is rapidly stretching into every city and town and hamlet from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and such a membership presupposes those who are able to think in advance of their times - the finest elements of our American citizenry.

I have promptly forwarded your letter to the Editor of the Silver Ranger in Los Angeles.

Yes, we are indeed in touch with Rev. Hugh White in China, and have numerous connections by correspondence with Germany, conducted by our official translator, whose headquarters are in Philadelphia.

I am exceedingly interested in the private information you have received from the Russian Baron. I wish mightily that I had it at hand this instant, for an important issue of Liberation Magazine, in which Jewish Communism is particularly stressed.

I am most pleased to learn of your friendship with Dr. Homer Curtiss, and of course your words about Betty Waller quite touched my heart. There is no question about it but that contacts, stretching around the world in this fashion, are not made by chance.

God bless you!

And may you know an increasing measure of God's peace in consecrated service!

Sincerely,

THE GENERAL STAFF, per

RCS-em

Robert C. Summerville

Encl: Washington Letter

Princess M. Karadja,  
Villa Lux,  
Monti-Locarno,  
Switzerland.

P. S. It will help greatly if you supply us with every detail of the coming trial at Basel. "

The original of above letters and related letters are in custody of Mr. W. J. Cocke, Trustee, Jackson Bldg., Asheville, North Carolina.

Another file that is mentioned herein as it also reflects somewhat the activities of the Pelley organizations is given in substance.

The complete file is not quoted in this report. There appears in the File #4203 now in custody of the Trustee a copy of an unsigned letter. According to the text the person writing the letter is presently an officer in the United States Army. He requested in the letter that a copy be made of same and original destroyed. The person thought to be at present an Army officer suggests to Robert Summerville that he contact and "handle" Gen. Guy Wilson of 88 Division National Guard, Detroit, Michigan. The letter advises of the "secret military movements" of regular army men and promises to obtain information of a confidential source through army channels and give to the Movement. The letter suggests the mobilization to come of the Silver Shirts and discusses the Army Air Service. The letter is full in details and in the event Mr. Summerville would not give the name of the author it is thought that the letter could be obtained from the Trustee and sufficient information obtained from the War Department of the government to locate the writer of the letter, if same is desired. Same was found with other CONFIDENTIAL FILES in one of the desks.



The following are a list of the publications sold by the Pelley organizations and prices of each:

1. **LIBERATION WEEKLY:** - A Magazine of Timely Instruction Inspiration.  
Rates \$5.00 - 1 Year, \$3.00 - 6 Months  
\$2.00 - 4 Months, \$1.00 - 2 Months
2. **SCRIPTS OF THE LIBERATION:** - Metapsychical messages, inspirationally received, giving new and practical light on life's greatest enigmas.  
50¢ each, 5 for \$1.50
3. **LIBERATION FELLOWSHIP COURSE:** 52 Lectures on the World's Unwritten History, 13 Little Lectures on Life's Great Mysteries, and 52 Scripts of the Liberation. Personal Correspondence Counselling based on quizzes and students' personal problems. Details on request.
4. **WHAT MANNER OF GOVERNMENT IS THE CHRIST TO SET UP?**  
Article No. 1 - 10¢ each. - 20 or more, 5¢ each.
5. **McFADDEN'S SPEECHES:** - No. 1. The Greatest Crime in History; No. 2. I Hereby Impeach the Federal Reserve Board.  
10¢ each. 20 or more 5¢ each.
6. **THE CAUSE OF ANTI-JEWISM IN THE UNITED STATES,** by Irvin L. Potter.  
15¢ each. 10 or more, 10¢.
7. **BULLETINS:** - No. 2. The Silver Shirts are Mobilizing; No. 3. The Secret Government of our Nation.  
100 of either title or 50 of each title, 50¢ per hundred.
8. **ENVELOPES OF COMBINED LITERATURE** for beginners in Silver Legion work or Liberation studies. Send for them, to enlighten others.  
10 for \$2.00. Less than ten, 25¢ each.
9. **THE SILVER LEGION RANGER:** - A weekly newspaper giving the Silver Legion's insight into current events. 52 Issues \$2.00 - 26 issues \$1.00. Single copies 5¢ each. Bundles of 50 - one issue - \$1.00.

1. NO MORE HUNGER by William Dudley Pelley  
First 11 Articles of the Christian Democracy of  
the Silver Legion. .50¢
2. COMMUNISM IN GERMANY by Adolph Ehrt .50¢  
The truth about Communist activities which  
forced Revolution in Germany.
3. RED JUSTICE by John E. Waters .50¢  
A first hand account of Soviet Russia as it  
is now.
4. THE CUTTLE-FISH by Gilbert F. Stevenson \$1.25  
A history of the manipulations of gold by  
Jewry in the advancement of their world  
conspiracy.
5. KAPOOT by Carveth Wells \$2.50  
Travel and education off the "tourist lanes"  
of Russia. Laugh and shudder with this author  
and lecturer.
6. MY SEVEN MINUTES IN ETERNITY WITH THE AFTERMATH  
by William Dudley Pelley \$1.00  
The account of the author's epochal psychic  
experience unlocking the doors of cosmic  
intelligence.
7. VOICES FROM BEYOND by Dr. Henry Hardwicke \$1.00  
A lucid presentation of evidence of true  
psychic phenomena and descriptions of famous  
cases, by an authority.
8. BLUE ISLAND by William T. Stead \$1.00  
A first hand record of experiences after  
death by a victim of the Titanic disaster.
9. EARTH'S ANGUULAR SYSTEM by Isaac N. Vail \$3.00  
Proof of the origin of mineral and gas, coal  
and oil, by an advanced scientist.
10. EDEN'S FLAMING SWORD by Isaac N. Vail .75¢  
A scientific examination of prehistoric con-  
ditions and elements.

11. T N T by Edwin Marshall Hadley .50¢

A book that names and reveals in no uncertain terms how America is being seduced by organizations allied with Communism.

12. MY BATTLE by Adolph Hitler \$3.00

The political and psychological approach to the problems of Germany as faced by Hitler in his rise to the Chancellorship and the exposing of Jewish Communism.

In addition to income from the publications there was offered stock in the Galahad Press, Inc., at ten dollars a share. Also, donations were solicited from the public for the War Chest.

The basic organization is the Galahad Press, Inc. Subsequently to the organization of the Galahad Press the League for Liberation, the Foundation For Christian Economics, the Galahad College, the Silver Legion of America, the Silver Shirts of America, Inc., and the Galahad Fellowship were founded, all in the last two years.

It was also noted that there were files containing several hundred applications for membership in the Silver Legion. The files reflected the personal history of each applicant and had a photograph attached thereto.

According to Mr. Cocke, Mr. Pelley and Mr. Summerville and another D. G. Kellogg were indicted May 17, 1934, by a Superior Court Grand Jury for violations of the North Carolina statutes prohibiting the sale of stock not registered in the state. The case is to be tried in the July Term of the Buncombe County Superior Court, Asheville, North Carolina.

Mr. E. Bowen Henderson, an accountant, Crane Building, Asheville, North Carolina, was interviewed and he stated that there had been a violation of the Bankruptcy statute. The interview with Mr. Henderson is being set out in a separate report in connection with this matter. Mr. Henderson has just completed his audit of the available books of the Galahad Press, Inc. He advised that he never did obtain all the necessary books of all the corporations but that after three months he had been able to set up a financial statement.

Mr. George Craig, Referee, when interviewed, advised that he was at present conducting hearings in connection with the instant case and that he could not state whether or not a violation had occurred; that he anticipated numerous hearings in the next few weeks; and that together with the Trustee he had demanded that bankrupt produce missing books and records. As of date Mr. Craig admitted he was confused regarding the status of the case but expected to iron out the difficulties at once. The Referee further advised that all records would be properly kept in a safe place by officers of the court.

This investigation is being continued and in subsequent reports a full history of each organization will be set out together with other pertinent data.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE, at Asheville, North Carolina, will develop all facts indicating a connection between Pelley's organizations and Nazi activities along with the bankruptcy investigation. Will also secure copies of letters, mentioned in body of this report and hold for any future use of Division.

FINDING

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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August 10, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: William Dudley Pelley.  
Galahad Press, Inc.  
National Bankruptcy Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent George J. Starr of this office, dated June 16, 1934, and to the report of Special Agent R. L. Fagan of the Charlotte office, dated June 22, 1934, entitled William Dudley Pelley; Robert C. Summerville; Galahad Press, Inc.; Foundation for Christian Economics; Silver Legion of America; Silver Shirts; League of Liberation; Silver Ranger; Liberation - Nazi Activities.

Inasmuch as this investigation deals with a bankruptcy at Asheville, North Carolina, and there are no leads to be investigated in this district, and inasmuch as the general Nazi activity has been discontinued in this district, the above investigation is being closed in this district.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the Charlotte office for its information.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Charlotte

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TITLE: GENERAL NAZI MOVEMENT INVESTIGATION			CHARACTER OF CASE: MISCELLANEOUS - NAZI MOVEMENT
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Further investigation at Asheville, N. C. discloses nothing to connect the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc. directly with the Nazi movement at the present time. Map and plan of organization of Silver Shirts submitted, together with other literature relating to that movement. Vigorous anti-Semitic activities noted.</p> <p>P.</p>			
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organization had become completely "gutted" by recent court action and at the present time its status was unknown to himself.

Mr. Alvin Kartus, Attorney, Asheville, North Carolina, informed agent confidentially that he had made a close examination of all the files and correspondence presently impounded in the Buncombe County Courthouse, Asheville, North Carolina, and had turned over to representatives of the Congressional Committee on un-American activities all the data he was able to develop.

On July 20, 1934 Mr. George W. Craig, Referee in Bankruptcy, Asheville, North Carolina, stated to the writer that the bankruptcy of the Galahad Press, Inc., had been extended to include the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc. Mr. Craig stated that he had been ordered by Judge E. Yates Webb to hold special hearings to determine the status of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., relative to the bankrupt Galahad Press.

There is being submitted to the Division under separate cover a map of the planned organization of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., together with a pamphlet entitled "'Silver Shirts' Personal Explanation by William Dudley Pelley!"

Under separate cover there is also being submitted a pamphlet entitled, "Final Revelations Concerning the Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion" by W. Creutz. This particular piece of literature is being forwarded for the reason of its anti-racial nature. This piece of work was to be made into pamphlet form for distribution by Pelley, according to correspondence found in the files of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc.

From a review of numerous files it was noted that considerable correspondence related to the anti-Semitic activities of the Silver Shirt Legion of America.

During the bankruptcy investigation referred to above the writer had cause to examine the ledgers, journals, minutes and many files and nothing was found to connect the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., with the Nazi movement; however, it was noted, of course, that the Silver Shirts were imitating the Nazis in some respects.

A complete history of the Pelley organizations may be found in the Charlotte File #49-371 entitled WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY et al, a report being submitted at this time in connection with that investigation. Copies of original letters and literature published by the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., may be obtained from Mr. William J. Coker, Jr., Trustee, Asheville, North Carolina.



UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE, at High Point,  
North Carolina, will complete investigation indicated for attention  
at that place.

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Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1887  
Charlotte, North Carolina

August 15, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: GENERAL NAZI MOVEMENT INVESTIGATION  
Miscellaneous - Nazi Movement

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled case reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. L. Fagan, dated at Charlotte, North Carolina, August 15, 1934, relative to the following enclosures:

1. Original map of organization of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc.
2. Pamphlet entitled "'Silver Shirts' a Personal Explanation by William Dudley Pelley."
3. Paper entitled "Final Revelations Concerning The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion."

The material listed above was obtained from Mr. William J. Cocke, Trustee, at Asheville, North Carolina, by Special Agent Fagan, and as the same is to be returned to Mr. Cocke, it is desired that the Division make photostatic copies for the files and return the originals to this office for transmittal to Mr. Cocke.

Very truly yours,

*T. N. Stapleton*  
T. N. Stapleton,  
Special Agent in Charge

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FINAL REVELATIONS CONCERNING

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THE PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF  
ZION

by

W. Creutz

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

The aim of the following pages is not to deal with a literary hypothesis, but to elucidate - once for all - a ~~dark~~ mystery, affecting all the nations of earth.

Is there any country which has escaped the "CRISIS", which has darkened our lives since 1929? The politicians appear helpless and seek in vain to prevent the nations from sliding into the yawning abyss of Bolshevism. Our entire Aryo-Christian civilisation is threatened to be engulfed in chaos.

How are we to fight the moral gangrene which seems gradually to destroy all that is best and noblest in every race? How are we to save the spiritual heritage of the nation, which is far more precious than financial riches and territorial wealth?

No recovery is possible, if we remain ignorant of the prime cause of the Malady; a correct diagnosis must precede the application of remedies intended to arrest revages, perceived but ~~hitherto not~~ *imperfectly* understood.

It is essential to grasp that the crisis, to which we are actually succumbing is in no way accidental, but has been deliberately provoked by a horde of ~~very~~ powerful criminals. ~~World~~-recovery is only possible if the poisoners are prevented from continuing their sinister activities.

Adolf Hitler has grasped that! The howls of rage which have ~~suddenly~~ burst forth from every corner of earth, are due to the fact that he rapidly extinguished the fuse of a bomb, prepared to explode last summer and intended to utterly ruin his country. Without his ~~re-~~ ~~ad~~ intervention, Germany would already have shared the tragic fate of Russia.

When the healed and joyous nations will have grasped that fact they will perceive in Hitler a "Messenger of God", whose Mission it is to fight and slay the armies of Anti-Christ.

This statement must not be looked upon as "a sign of religious tolerance, worthy of the Middle-ages", as an attempt at "propaganda", or as a "desire to prove such absurdities in order to win the title", which

No, there is no question of advocating any steps that would be cruel or unjust to any section of the community! All that is needed is to remove from all "key-positions" men, who are not to be trusted. This indispensable "cleaning-up" operation has been gently and firmly performed in Germany, amid the delirious rejoicings of an entire nation, purified through suffering.

Henceforth it is impossible to hide the truth! Sixty million human beings are aware of facts, previously <sup>concealed</sup> hidden by the mysterious conspirators, who had plotted to destroy the entire world in order to acquire absolute supremacy for a Satanic Messiah.

The leaven is working . . . in many countries patriots, understanding the terrible danger menacing their country, have arisen, ready to combine forces in order to face and vanquish the Common enemy. There will be no great difficulty in re-establishing friendly relations between Aryan nations, when the traitors, who organised every conflict have been eliminated.

Truth is at last making headway and those who attempt to arrest her triumphant ascension will be crushed.

THIS is the Truth, which must be proclaimed from the house-tops - THE CRISIS WAS PREMEDITATED, AND LAUNCHED AT THE EXACT HOUR ARRANGED, SO AS TO ACHIEVE A DEFINITE PURPOSE CAREFULLY PREPARED DURING DECADES WITH DIABOLICAL MALICE.

The entire programme was mapped out thirty years ago in a slender volume called "THE PROTOCOLS OF THE ELDERS OF SION".

The two first editions of this remarkable work appeared in Russia in 1901 and 1905. They were rapidly withdrawn from circulation and passed practically unperceived. One copy is however preserved in the British Museum No. 3926.D.17

"THE TIMES" wrote (on 17 August 1921): "The document attracted little attention until after the Russian revolution in 1917, when the astounding collapse of a great country through the action of the Bolsheviks and the presence of a large number of Jews in their ranks caused many to search for some plausible explanation of the catastrophe. The Protocols appeared to provide such an explanation, more particularly since the tactics of the Bolsheviks in many respects resembled those advocated in the Protocols. The book was translated into several European languages".

The Protocols have been published in various countries, though <sup>persistent</sup> strenuous efforts have everywhere been made to suppress their appearance.

One version came out in London in 1917 under the title: "THE JEWISH PERIL". It caused a profound sensation: public opinion was thoroughly alarmed through the sudden revelation of the sinister plot made in order to ruin our Aryan-Christian civilisation.

Many columns of "THE MORNING POST" were used in discussing the subject and a sensational article appeared on May 8th 1921 in "The Times".

We extract the following passages ~~from it:~~

"What signify these Protocols? Are they genuine? Has a criminal Society concocted these plans and is it now triumphant over their fulfilment? Are they falsified? If so - how can we explain the terrible gift of Prophecy which has caused their realisation? Have we struggled all these sad years in order to smash the World Empire of Germany, only to encounter a far more dangerous and sinister Power? Have we through immense efforts escaped a PAX GERMANICA only to succumb to a PAX JUDAICA?"

"The TIMES" ended the article with these remarkable words: "IF THE PROTOCOLS ARE REALLY THE WORK OF THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL, THEN ALL THAT CAN BE SAID, ATTEMPTED AND DONE AGAINST THE JEWS, BECOMES LEGITIMATE, NECESSARY AND URGENT".

Momentous words!

It is indeed not surprising that the powerful individuals incriminated, should have made vigorous efforts in order to discredit a document which compromised them so terribly! Clever steps were rapidly taken so as to prove that the Protocols were FRAUDULENT.

The Jews have always contested their authenticity. A lawsuit was recently started at Basel; <sup>a</sup> ~~the firm~~ <sup>connected with the</sup> publishing the Protocols in Switzerland is prosecuted for defamation and the Court is requested to declare that the work is a FORGERY, which must no longer be sold to the public.

## II.

### A FORGERY?

On August 16, 17 and 18th 1921 three articles appeared in "THE TIMES" asserting that the Protocols were merely a "clumsy fake", performed by a "careless and shameless plagiarist" who had "paraphrased" a volume published at Brussels in 1865, under the Title "DIALOGUES IN HELL BETWEEN MACHIAVELLI AND MONTESQUIEU". The author of this book

"THE TIMES" published several columns of parallel passages indicating the indisputable spiritual relationship ~~existing~~ between the two works. The theory of fraud was apparently substantiated.

"THE TIMES" ~~carefully~~ accentuated the fact that its attitude on the Jewish question was strictly "IMPARTIAL". <sup>It</sup> was only "the interest of objective truth", which had <sup>impelled it</sup> ~~decided the paper~~ to "expose a remarkable forgery, as it was OF GREAT IMPORTANCE that the LEGEND connected with the Protocols of the Elders of Zion should be disposed of at the earliest possible opportunity".

Quite so! It WAS an important matter.

The last article ends with these words: "The fact of the plagiarism has now been CONCLUSIVELY ESTABLISHED and the LEGEND may be allowed to pass into oblivion."

Such has however not been its fate! There are certain facts connected with this "legend", which make it difficult to accept "THE TIMES's" statement as A FINAL VERDICT. There is "a skeleton in the cupboard" which was not exhibited during the investigations made. If it is extracted and carefully examined, startling results are bound to follow.

We must therefore slowly retrace our steps and sift all the evidence produced.

We do not desire to place in doubt the complete "impartiality" of The Times.

A Norwegian Magazine, the "National Tidsskrift", Oslo, stated however in July 1922, page 74 that when those latter articles were printed, a great Jewish Banker had acquired financial control of "The Times". This information may be erroneous, but to our knowledge it has never been contradicted.

"The Times" asserted that the discovery of the "forgery" was "quite accidental". As it was a "matter of great importance", the "accident" was undoubtedly very lucky! It is stated that a "correspondent" in Constantinople had - ~~through~~ <sup>by</sup> a mere chance - made the acquaintance of a Russian gentleman, "Mr. X.", (who desired to remain incognito). This mysterious stranger handed him this rare book by Joly, which enabled the "correspondent" to discover the "forgery".

All this is a little vague and very romantic. Every person who sends a letter to a newspaper is a "Correspondent". No proof was advanced corroborating the assertion that the "correspondent" ever went to Constantinople and there met a Russian; the identity of Mr.



Why so much secrecy? When it is a question of "a very important matter" the two chief witnesses should be produced! The names of those two gentlemen ought to be preserved for posterity, for they certainly rendered a colossal service to Israel. Through their intervention public opinion was cleverly diverted from further examination of the "Protocols". A service of that magnitude ought really not to remain unrewarded.

The "Correspondent" suggests that the "forgery" was perpetrated in order to influence conservative Russian Court-circles, and to foster <sup>false</sup> belief in a "world-wide Jewish conspiracy". Not one shred of evidence is produced in support of this suggestion.

How did Joly's book, which had fallen into utter oblivion, ever reach Russia? That problem is left unsolved. A number of highly improbable "theories" are advanced. The trail of a red herring is rapidly swirled from Constantinople to London and from Corsica to St. Petersburg, so as to leave the guileless British "Goyim" utterly bewildered.

Then "The Times" triumphantly declared that "irrefutable proof of the forgery" has been supplied !!!!!

Really, how very odd ....

When the "conclusive evidence" is carefully boiled down, then the only solid residue left is the fact that ONE OF THE WORKS IS A "PARAPHRASE" OF THE OTHER".

Ought the ugly word "FORGERY" to be applied in a similar case? The mere fact of using a given text and then developing it, does surely not constitute a "fraud"? If so, each clergyman, who expounds a passage of the Gospels without indicating chapter and verse, would be guilty of "plagiarism"!

Such an assertion is grotesque, in view of the fact that numerous parallel passages are to be found in the "Book of Books" /.

We must request the Learned Elders of Zion carefully to compare II Kings XVIII, 14 and following verses with Isaiah XXVI. The Text is almost identical! !

(We must ask them equally to examine Genesis 36, 31 and following verses; The entire passage is repeated practically verbatim I. Chron. 1.43.

If these texts were printed side by side (as was done with Joly's book and the Protocols), the result would inevitably be that they are paraphrases. Should we therefore be justified in declar

### III.

#### SUPERABUNDANT EVIDENCE

<sup>a</sup>  
The remarkable book "Waters flowing Eastwards" by, L. Fry contains a great deal of valuable information <sup>as to</sup> concerning MAURICE JOLY, NE MOSES JOEL. In the "Mémoires" of M. René ~~Marcel~~ <sup>Marcel</sup>, who was a Member of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Polignac's Cabinet, it is stated that Maurice Joly was born in 1831 and received in 1849 a post in the Ministry of Mr. Chevreau. The young man was greatly influenced by Adolphe ~~Isaac~~ <sup>Isaac</sup> Crémieux, the famous founder of the "Alliance Israélite Universelle". Later on, he joined the Communists, was condemned to two years' imprisonment and committed suicide in 1878. The Jew GAMBETTA made a big Laudatory oration at his funeral.

<sup>was connected</sup>  
<sup>with</sup> We must not forget the fact that ~~Marcel~~ Gambetta, ~~who established~~ the COMMUNE, the sinister Bolshevist government which ravaged France from March 18th to May 29th 1871. Paris was terribly devastated, but the 145 houses which belonged to Alphonse de Rothschild were left absolutely intact. Marvellous coincidence!

What conclusions are we to draw from these facts? Simply these

1. The Jewish Author, who inspired the Protocols did not merely expre odious THEORIES; he did not hesitate to participate in criminal ACTIONS.
2. The Protocols had absolutely nothing to do with the Secret Russian Police, as the Times' "correspondent" so cleverly suggests.
3. The "Dialogues", far from being the work of an Anti-Semite, constitute the very essence of Jewish national claims.
4. The Satanic thoughts expressed in the work were not original, but can be traced back to a prior source: JOLY IN HIS TURN WAS A PLAGIARIST !!!

<sup>the title</sup> ~~The~~ "Dialogues between Machiavelli and Montesquieu" ~~are mere reproductions of a work carrying the IDENTICAL TITLE !! The book was published by Franz Duncker at Berlin in 1850. The author A JEW NAMED JACOB VENEDY. He was Born at Cologne in May 1805, <sup>he</sup> was expelled from Germany and settled in Paris in 1835. Prosecuted by the Police for seditious activities, he was - like Joly - protected by Crémieux. This Venedy was an intimate friend of KARL MARX (MORDECAI). With his aid he founded in 1847 a Secret Society "THE WORKERS COMMUNIST LEAGUE". He visited England in 1943~~

there another secret Society, the aim of which was TO ESTABLISH THE WORLD SUPREMACY OF ISRAEL.

It is consequently abundantly proved that BOTH the books, WHICH WERE PARAPHRASED IN THE PROTOCOLS, WERE WRITTEN BY JEWS, FRIENDS OF CREMIEUX, THE FOUNDER OF THE UNIVERSAL ISRAELITIC ALLIANCE.

Under these conditions it is impossible to doubt that these THREE works embody the quintessence of Jewish thought. Those who have examined ~~these works~~ <sup>them</sup> attentively are astounded that Jews can have the audacity to assert that they are "persecuted" and have to "struggle against lies, forgeries and slander". There can be no question of "plagiarisms" but merely of embroideries of the same theme emerging from ONE sole Economic and Political Centre.

The Secret Society founded by ~~and Venedy~~ is really the offspring of a still older Association, "Verein für Kultur und Wissenschaft der Juden", which dates ~~from 1819~~. Its programme was adopted and enlarged by Crémieux.

It is easy to obtain a clear ~~on~~ <sup>conception</sup> of the true purpose of this Society if one reads ~~carefully~~ a letter addressed by BARUCH LEWY to KARL MARX.

"THE JEWISH PEOPLE ASPIRES TO BECOME COLLECTIVELY ITS OWN MESSIAH. It will attain to universal dominion through the unification of all other races and the obliteration of their frontiers. A UNIVERSAL REPUBLIC will be established and in their new organisation the Children of Israel will form the ruling element. They know how to influence and dominate the Masses! The government of every nation will imperceptibly slip into Jewish hands, thanks to the victory of the Proletariat. All individual property will be placed at the disposal of the Princes of Israel, who will possess the riches of every Realm. This will be the fulfilment of the Talmudic prophecy: "At the coming of the Messiah, the Keys of every treasury will rest in the hands of the Jews".

Between this letter and the Protocols there is exactly the same relationship as between an ACORN and an OAK.

This terrible Programme is gradually being enacted in our midst. The "Pan-Europa" of Count Calergy-Condanhove, proclaims the maxim that "THE JEWS ARE THE NOBILITY OF THE FUTURE".

The summits of this New Aristocracy <sup>differentiate</sup> distinguish themselves from the noblemen of former days through certain originalities, these would not have dared to venture. The names of ~~the~~ <sup>these</sup> ~~new~~ <sup>new</sup> ~~aristocrats~~ <sup>aristocrats</sup>.

and KURT HILFNER, as well as the great Soviet Lords are inscribed in scarlet letters in the history of the nations. At the side of these first-class "Stars", there are innumerable constellations of lesser magnitude.

This is the necrology of an Aristocrat, who has died recently. LUDWIG MAIER, a German Jew, was at the head of a revolutionary organisation called the "Postal Internationale". He conceived the brilliant idea of inducing officials to commit acts of "sabotage", destroying the telephones and telegraphs during civil disturbances, so as to prevent the summoning of troops to restore order.]

[In July, 1927 when the Palace of Justice at Vienna was destroyed through incendiarianism, he directed the operations - there will presumably soon be a "Ludwig Maier Street" in Moscow! This nobleman seems worthy to continue the "Dialogue in Hell" - if however, there still should be any place left there! *publ. in quick*

A remarkable article appeared in "DIE FRONTE" on Jan. 3. 1934, announcing that a group of Jews, - still more eminent and powerful than the Zionists, // are now organising a "CULTURAL MOVEMENT" which will embrace the whole world. THE AIM IS TO PLACE EVERY COUNTRY UNDER JEWISH SUPREMACY.

Everywhere we find the same "Leit-motiv"! There is not the slightest alteration in the Programme.

The "Libre Parole" records (in November 1933, page 27) that Rabbi REICHHORN made a remarkable speech at Prague in 1869. He said: "For centuries the Sons of Israel have been despised and persecuted, but they have struggled indomitably to prepare the road leading to POWER. They are now approaching their goal; they control the economic life of the accursed Christians; their influence is supreme in politics and in morals. AT ONE CERTAIN MOMENT, FIXED IN ADVANCE, we shall let loose the Revolution, which sweeping away all classes of society, will definitely deliver all Christians in our hands. Thus the promise made by God unto His chosen People will be accomplished."

This prophecy has already been fulfilled in Russia!!! Which is the next country condemned to perish?

In an article which <sup>later</sup> appeared in the "Friend of Israel", the Editor mourns over the fact that modern Jewish youth feels contempt for God and for His Laws! He says: "The god-less Jew seems to direct the forces of evil; ISRAEL IS RUNNING THE RISK OF BECOMING A SATANIC RACE".

that a "clumsy fraud" had been committed and that one of the writings was a "forgery"?

Genesis is supposed to have been written by Moses; I Chron. is attributed to Ezra and Nehemiah. Certain passages in this latter book prove that it was written after the Babylonian Exile, about 860 years after the death of Moses. It is therefore obvious that the "plagiarism" must have been committed by Ezra and Nehemiah - IF similarity of text is to be accepted as evidence of "fraud".

Those who believe with us "that the Bible is inspired by God, who cannot make any mistakes" will perceive in this remarkable identity of text a proof of the Wisdom of the Almighty, who permitted this similarity for a definite purpose. It was intended to be a crushing argument against the hordes of Anti-christ in the "latter days". If the plea of forgery is not dropped by the Rabbis, then their prophets must also be incriminated and condemned!

It is evident that NO "plagiarism" was committed either by the sacred or by the satanic authors. They merely utilised in their writings material emanating from a familiar source.

If the Rabbis refuse to withdraw their accusation of "forgery" then they are compelled to incriminate and condemn two of their own prophets, recognised to be "guilty" of exactly similar acts.

But let us continue our researches ... the trail is now getting red-hot! We are reaching very perilous ground! Our attention must be centralised on the personality of Mr. MAURICE JOLY; he was left too much in the shade by the unknown "Correspondent".

Who was this "FRENCHMAN", author of the "Dialogues in Hell"? This problem has been elucidated through Mr. Gottfried zur Beck, in the Preface <sup>to</sup> of the German edition of the Protocols. There we find the important information that MR. MAURICE JOLY WAS CIRCUMCISED UNDER THE NAME OF MOSES JOEL !

How very remarkable!

Israel maintains that the Protocols were "concocted in order to discredit the Jews" - and here we find that the hideous thoughts to be found in both books - did emanate from the heart - of a JEW !!!!

These thoughts are abhorrent to decent-minded people; that is inevitable! But how can expression of legitimate reprobation be styled "defamation"?

A remarkable admission! It is not made by an Anti-Semite, but by the Head of a Jewish Mission.

Indeed the peril is immense! Israel has ceased to worship Jehovah and adores as sole Deity the Golden Calf.

Across the pandemonium of modern life, we perceive the echo of a VOICE murmuring:

"What ~~is a man~~ <sup>shall it</sup> profit <sup>a man</sup> if he ~~shall~~ gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (St. Math. 16.26).

#### IV.

#### HISTORICAL FACTS

The "Jüdische Presszentrale", a weekly paper published at Zürich, asserted definitely, on Dec. 15th 1933 that the Protocols were concocted by the Russian Secret Police in 1905, AFTER THE DISASTROUS JAPANESE WAR.

It is injudicious to defend a cause by making statements, which can easily be proved to be false! How could it be possible to concoct in 1905 documents, which had ~~already~~ been in existence for over 20 years in three languages - documents which were well known to a large number of people?!? already

The Jewish assertion is preposterous!

It has been well established that the Protocols were first written in HEBREW, then translated into FRENCH and later on into RUSSIAN. ~~These facts can be proved through documentary evidence.~~

The Protocols constitute a strategic plan, a compilation of authentic documents, which had been kept secret through the ages; the new edition - which has acquired such notoriety - was elaborated by the KAHAL, the formidable occult Jewish Government.

We find in the remarkable work "The Author of the Protocols" by L. Fr., the well-supported hypothesis that the compilation was made by ASHER GINZBERG (known as ACHAD-HA-AM). This important personage <sup>said to have</sup> one of the four Jews, who dictated to Balfour the famous declaration of Nov. 2nd. 1917, which granted to the Jews a "national home in Palestine".

This achievement constitutes one of the objectives formulated in the "Protocols"!

In 1886 Ginzberg settled definitely in Odessa, where he published a Secret Society the "BENI MOSHEH" (Sons of Moses). Published, (through witnesses who lived in Odessa at that time) the M.S. of the Protocols circulated among the Jews in that city. The Jew, ~~Dr.~~ BERNSTEIN, who was Editor of the "FREE PRESS", DETROIT, U.S.A. stated in the presence of ~~Mr.~~ William Cameron, Secretary to Henry Ford that HE HAD HIMSELF READ THE DOCUMENT IN HEBREW IN 1895 IN ODESSA!

This evidence is naturally of the highest value.

Let us now trace the fate of the French version! A copy of the Protocols was kept in Paris, in the Masonic Lodge "MIZRAIM". A member of this Lodge, a Jew named JOSEPH SCHORST - alias SHAPIRO - betrayed his race and sold it to Miss JUSTINE GLINKA, the daughter of a Russian General, for 2,500 Francs. This lady forwarded the original document, together with a Russian translation, to General ORGEWSKI in St. Petersburg, who in his turn handed it to his chief, General CHEREVIN, Minister of the Interior, for transmission to the ~~War~~ War. Cherevin, in the grip of some wealthy Jews, failed to do so and merely filed the document in his archives, where it was found at his death in 1896.

Schorst fled to Egypt where he was murdered.

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Invisible enemies henceforth persecuted Miss Glinka. On her return to Russia she was banished from the Court and settled on her estate in Orel.)

There she met the Governor General of this district, ALEXIS SUKHOTIN and handed him a copy of the Protocols, pointing out that SYPIAGUIN (another Minister of the Interior) had been murdered for attempting to check the Jewish Revolutionary activities.

Sukhotin showed the document to two friends, STEPANOW and NILUS.)

The former circulated it privately in 1897; the second, Professor Sergius Nilus, published it in 1901.

This information is mostly drawn from L.Fry's work: "Waters flowing Eastward". It is corroborated by a statement made by Philip Stepanov, Chamberlain, Privy Councillor and former Procurator of the Holy Synod at Moscow; it is witnessed by Prince Dimitri GALITZIN.

This evidential document, delivered on April 17th 1927, has been photographically reproduced, and the writer of these pages owns a copy of it. Stepanov states that he received the M.S. of the Protocols in 1895 from Major Sukhotin. He had then printed privately and gave copies to A.T. KELEPOVSKY, chief of Grand Duke Sergius' household. At

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reading them, the Grand Duke sighed and murmured: "TOO LATE"! He was assassinated ~~soon~~ shortly afterwards.

It has been repeatedly asserted that the Protocols - containing the strategic plans of Israel for the conquest of the World - were laid before the first Zionist Congress at Basel in 1897. The Jews deny this and advance the argument that no mention of it is made in the official "Report" of the proceedings. That argument is void of evidential value as no record whatever is kept of the violent dissensions which occurred between Th. Herzl and Asher Ginzberg. The published minutes are consequently not complete.

One of the few survivors of this First Zionist Congress, MARCU EHRENPREIS, chief Rabbi of Stockholm, stated in "Judisk Tidskrift" Nr. 1929, that the TRIUMPH OF ISRAEL WAS PREDICTED BY HERZL 20 YEARS IN ~~A~~ <sup>during</sup> ADVANCE.

Thirty million Europeans perished ~~in~~ during the Great War, but THE JEWISH OBJECTIVES WERE ACHIEVED! Russia was destroyed; there was "PEACE without VICTORY". Every nation was drained of its wealth - and Palestine was handed <sup>over</sup> (to the Jews!

(The next war - which is now being prepared - will mean the total annihilation of the GOYIM).

The Secret Minutes of the First Zionist Congress did however pass into the hands of the Russian Government. An agent, named RATSCHKOWSKY purchased them from two Jews, <sup>willing to</sup> ~~who also~~ betrayed their race for money! Their names are ENO AZEV and Rabbi EFROM. The latter took refuge in a Monastery in Servia, where he died in 1925. When these Minutes were examined by the Russian Secret Police it was discovered that they did correspond with the Protocols, which were already in their possession. Ratschkowsky died mysteriously a few days after he had transmitted the information to General KURLOW, who was convinced that he had been murdered.

Prof. Nilus was also tortured by the CHEKA, for having divulged the Protocols, and died in 1929.

~~will hold~~ All these facts constitute a chain of steel, of which every link can be tested! The witnesses produced are not anonymous adventurers, but ~~people~~ <sup>persons</sup> of eminent social position, cultured and trustworthy.

We must now ask the "Judische Presszentrale" ~~kindly~~ <sup>to</sup> explain how it was possible for all these people, to read, handle and translate a document, ten, fifteen and twenty years before it existed. The Jews assert that the Protocols were concocted by two members of the Secret Police. The prophetic programme has been carried out!!! We must ask them to explain how it was possible for those two obscure individuals to change the face of the world, smash thrones and overthrow empires? How were they able to acquire all the gold in the world and ruin all the nations? How were they able - to MUZZLE THE PRESS?"



CAMOUFLAGE

The essence of the Jewish peril is contained in <sup>the above</sup> ~~that~~ word! No art is as profitable as that of disguise. The Goyim are so pathetically unsuspicious; a new "ALIAS" is all that is needed to make a criminal presentable. Mr. Scorpion vanishes from the scene ... he re-appears as <sup>the</sup> charming Sir Humming Bird, and is assured of a smiling welcome. "Camouflage" is a modern ~~and~~ invention! If NERO had adopted the name of SOCRATES, his reputation would probably be as excellent as that of Mr. Finckelstein - Litvinoff!

When this distinguished Diplomatist was entertained for lunch at Downing Street, by the Prime Minister of Great Britain and later on at the White House by the President of the U.S.A. then all unpleasant subjects of conversation were <sup>presumably</sup> ~~probably~~ avoided. 25 years ago the "guest of honour" was arrested at the Gare du Nord, Paris, by Police Inspector Guichard for <sup>circulating</sup> ~~uttering~~ bank-notes, <sup>which were</sup> the proceeds of a "hold-up" in Tiflis, when the robbers <sup>had</sup> cleared a million roubles, and thanks to bombs and revolvers got away leaving 50 dead men in the street! The detailed account of this thrilling episode is related in "LIBERATION", Jan. 6, 1934, page 7 and also in the "LIBRE PAROLE" Sept. 1933, page 7.

If Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Roosevelt want a souvenir of their <sup>Secret</sup> guest, they can obtain his finger-prints from Paris.

Let us hope that the Anglo Saxon races who consented to these "entertainments" reaped substantial benefits. How much hard cash might a Nelson or a Washington have claimed? The honour of a great nation ... well ..... surely ..... that ought to fetch a big price !!!!!

There are of course oldfashoined people both in England and in America, who are ~~disgruntled and~~ <sup>disgruntled</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~ashamed at the thought~~ of these diplomatic amenities. ~~In fact~~ There is a strong under-current of concentrated wrath sweeping through the land; at present it is hardly perceptible on the surface, but it is gathering strength and may soon become formidable.

The Jews begin to perceive it; they are so perspicacious! We are informed that recently at a dinner party in Chicago, ~~Shulman~~ <sup>Shulman</sup> st <sup>so</sup> frankly that "the Jews are frightened to death, because Hitler has ~~set~~ a terrible example. that the rest of the world may

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follow. The Jews are blamed for the/DEPRESSION. They are therefore in mortal fear of their lives because no one knows when a fearful massacre against the Jews may break out? That is exactly the trouble!

It is written "Eye for eye and tooth for tooth" (Exodus 21.24) and "They have sown the wind and they shall reap the whirlwind" (Hosea 8.7).

One American paper has already stated boldly that "when the people understand the true cause of their present and past terrific suffering, there will not be sufficient lamp-posts in New York to accomodate all those who are guilty".

A terrible statement, which must fill every true Christian with ~~deep~~ <sup>unbearable</sup> anguish! We hope and pray for ~~JUSTICE~~ tempered with MERCY, but ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> VIOLENCE and REVENGE.

TO DAY the terrible problem is, how to save the gentiles from the clutches of the Jews.

TO MORROW the ~~still more grave problem~~ <sup>question</sup> will be how to save Israel from the hands of the Avengers.

## VI.

### THE PROGRAMME

Having supplied abundant evidence concerning the authenticity of the Protocols, we now intend - for the edification of all nations - to condense the vast strategic plan into 22 brief propositions. ~~Those~~ <sup>Read</sup> ~~who are not~~ yet acquainted with the gigantic plot, mapped out for the Bolshevisation of the world, will thus be enabled to fathom the deadly peril confronting us. Enabled to inspect the hook prepared for their consumption, they may possibly have the good sense not to swallow it. Who knows? We must not harbour too many fond illusions! Many "GOYIN" prefer to slumber... "KISMET"! There is no Divine Law ordaining the survival of fools.

This is what the "ELDERS OF ISRAEL" have premeditated. This is the quintessence of the masterly Programme embedded in the Protocols.

It is intended by these enemies of God and man

~~They intend:~~

1. To corrupt youth through subversive teaching.
2. To destroy family-life
3. To dominate people through their vices.
4. To abase art and to corrupt literature
5. To undermine the respect for religion, to discredit, <sup>the</sup> ~~as much as possible,~~ ~~clergyman~~ by spreading scandalous stories concerning their private life. To encourage "Higher criticism", so as to sap the basis of faith and <sup>to</sup> provoke schisms and disputes within the ~~body of the Church.~~
6. To encourage insane luxury, grotesque fashions and <sup>foolish</sup> extravagance, ~~of every sort,~~ and thus to kill the faculty of enjoying things that are simple, pure and sweet.
7. To rivet the attention of the masses on spectacular shows, games, ~~and sports events, etc.~~ and to amuse the people to prevent them from thinking.
8. To poison the public mind through unhealthy and nefarious theories, to ruin the nervous system through inoculations of various poisons, and germs of disease.
9. To create universal discontent and to provoke hatred and distrust between the various strata of the population.
10. To rob the Aristocracy, with its ancient noble traditions, of their estates, through exorbitant taxation and formidable death-duties, practically compelling young heirs to run into debt. Then to replace men of culture with vulgar upstarts, so as to establish everywhere the worship of the Golden Calf.
11. To poison the relations between masters and men through strikes and "lock-out", and to eliminate all possibility of friendly relations which would result in fertile co-operation.
12. To demoralise the "upper-classes" in every possible way, so as to provoke the fury of the masses at the sight of the turpitudes and stupidities committed by the "rich".
13. To let industry exhaust agriculture and gradually to transform industry into wild speculation.
14. To encourage all sorts of crazy utopias, so as to entice the nations into a labyrinth of ~~senseless~~ <sup>useless</sup> schemes.
15. To augment salaries, without any benefit for the worker, as the cost of living is raised simultaneously.
16. To provoke "incidents", causing international suspicion and ill-will, to sharpen national antagonism, to foment hatred and multiply ruinous armaments.
17. To grant universal suffrage, so that the destiny of each country is entrusted to men who lack culture and breeding.
18. To overthrow monarchical institutions and establish everywhere ~~republics,~~ to place key-positions in the hands of men, who have "skeletons in their cup-boards" and who can therefore be dominated through the threat of exposure.
19. To abolish gradually every form of Constitution and to substitute the ~~absolutely despotic rule of~~ <sup>the</sup> Bolshevism.

20. To organise vast Monopolies, in which all private fortunes will be engulfed, when the HOUR of political crisis strikes.
21. To destroy all financial stability, to multiply economic crises thus preparing the world for universal bankruptcy. To stop the wheels of industry, to make stocks and shares crash, to concentrate all the gold in the world into certain hands, to leave enormous capitals in total stagnation, and at a given moment to STOP ALL CREDIT AND TO PROVOKE UTTER PANIC.
22. To prepare the agony of all nations and to exhaust humanity through excessive suffering, anguish and privations, for  
HUNGER BREEDS SLAVES.

That is the Programme!

The ~~essential~~ condition for success is - SECRECY. No wonder therefore that the Enemy has <sup>tried to</sup> prevented the nations from obtaining knowledge of the tactics employed for the establishment on earth of the reign of Anti-Christ/.

Is there a single item of this Programme, which has been omitted?

Yes or no - was "the Times" justified in writing:

"IF THE PROTOCOLS ARE REALLY THE WORK OF THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL, THEN ALL THAT CAN BE SAID, ATTEMPTED AND DONE AGAINST THE JEWS, BECOMES LEGITIMATE, NECESSARY AND URGENT".

Are we justified in claiming that these WORDS should be transformed into DEEDS ?

Nations of earth, we summon you to sit in judgment and we place Judas in the dock. ~~What~~

"WHAT IS THE PENALTY TO BE INFLICTED FOR PREMEDITATED SOUL MURDER ?"

## VII.

### CONCLUSION

The "HIDDEN HAND" has been exposed. The game is up, for it can only operate in darkness. Will Israel accept defeat or continue the fight? The proud dream of world-dominion is shattered, for the essential element of success was "SUDDEN SURPRISE". The Russian colossus was asleep; ~~when~~ ~~he~~ ~~was~~ ~~awakened~~ ~~and~~ ~~clarion-~~ ~~ed~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~east~~ ~~to~~ ~~death~~; but Germany is wide-  
the ends of the earth.

The choice placed before men today is not "BERLIN" or "MOSCOW" but "CHRIST" or "ANTI-CHRIST". There must henceforth be two camps only - the "GOD-FEARING" and the "GOD-LESS". There is room in each of them for men of every race. Christ has power to unite the Frenchman and the German in mutual confidence and respect. The BEST element of every nation has to fight and conquer the WORST.

How is this to be achieved?

Out of Germany there is probably not one big newspaper in Europe or America, which would dare to print this message, but Israel is powerless to prevent it flashing like an electric spark from Pole to Pole.

In every country there are still young men who have not bent their knee to Baal, and they will arise and - lustily clean out the Augean Stables - yea sweep out of Office the tollering Politicians, whose pockets have an evil smell.

Stern justice will be administered, but perfect discipline must be maintained.

The stolen milliards must be distributed for the joint benefit of the nations and friendly co-operation replace sterile competition.

A national home must be prepared for the Jews in a distant land, where - apart from all other races - they may work out their eventual salvation. The confiscated gold will be wisely administrated and used to defray the cost of the final Hebrew Exodus to the New Palestine. The Goyim - at present in their pay - might be sent to join their masters: that would be fair to both parties.

An immense sigh of deliverance will then ascend from this agonised earth. The nightmare is ended ...

DEMOCRACY, the red Hydra with ten thousand heads, will be mortally wounded by the Blazing Sword wielded by pure hands.

The world must be made fit for THEOCRACY, the rule of inspired and noble Leaders, ~~anxious to make happy and proud nations, eager to obey.~~ Those in command must be AMBIBLE and the nations must be PROUD to OBEY.

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A Personal Explanation

B Y

William Dudley Pelley

For the Confidential Information of

Mrs. A. L. Sleeman

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SILVER SHIRT HEADQUARTERS  
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Official Despatch:

I want to get definite plan of Silver Shirt Action into your hands partly in response to communications sent to this office in the past few weeks, and partly to forestall predatory action by the pernicious element seeking to disrupt our program for the advent of The Christ Democracy throughout the United States.

It is essential for you to know what we are fighting for, what we propose to accomplish, and something of how we propose to accomplish it. The broadsides of expose material which we have fired throughout this nation in the past nine months have forced the public malefactors to take note of us and rumblings are coming to our attention of aggressive activity taken against us which may show upon the surface at any time. Having discovered to their own amazement how easy it is, under the hysteria of a national emergency, to set aside our Constitutional rights in the matter of owning gold on which our whole currency system has been founded since the days of Alexander Hamilton, it may not be much longer before they arrogantly abrogate our Constitutional rights of a free press and free speech and say that no institution or no individual shall have the privilege of uttering any criticism against them, or discuss publicly what they are doing to make their alien autocracy complete.

If, as, and when this happens, it must be a point of honor with you to take it as a signal for a galvanism of activity in your particular locality. You must then carry on promotion of the work by word of mouth, considering yourself a little distributing point of information and peaceful agitation. Unfortunately, so low has the public morale sunken in this country, that thus must we freemen fight individually for our Constitutional rights against a group of aliens, thousands of whom have no right in this country at all, under our emigration laws, but who have so securely entrenched themselves in official positions that any public remonstrance against them is ignored, suppressed, or subverted for their own purposes.

As you have been advised, The Silver Shirts of America is a Christian Militia, only soliciting for its fighting ranks those men and women of Christian faith and American citizenship whose paramount ideal is not only to restore inviolate our republican form of institutions politically-- understand, I do not mean the Republican party -- but see that they are administered strictly by people of their own faith and ideals. That is our first tenet.

We declare to the nation that we stand for the absolute and impeccable integrity of the United States of America and its representative form of government envisioned and projected by the Continental Fathers, and for the Constitution of the United States in its moral and economic essence. There can be, and will be, no deviation from this affirmation at any time, and may our detractors so note. We are the unalterable foes of the Russian-Jewish form of Communistic government, against which Adolph Hitler is making such a



gritty and successful stand at the present time. We waste no sympathy for those who are complaining of being "persecuted" for we have secret knowledge that they are whining at treatment which they have meted out to the German Fatherland without let or hindrance since long before the war, until they have brought Germany almost down to ruin. The same elements are doing the same thing here in America under cover, only with this difference from Germany, that our people have yet to find it out and recognize its grim reality as the chief motivating factor behind a continuance of the Depression.

The Silver Shirts propose to obtain their objectives, primarily by political means, peacefully, lawfully, and without violence. Nevertheless, they do not constitute a strictly political organization. They enlist under the Liberation Banner the great moral force that is Christianity in its essence, to see that the principles of The Christ are carried out equitably and practically in every avenue of everyday life. They will not stand for the country being dominated and conducted by an alien people whose ideas and ethics are not our ideas and ethics, and who openly sneer at our Christ of the Immaculate Conception as "Christ the Bastard." This is our country, founded by our forefathers, who gave their blood and lives to hand us a political and cultural heritage that is our obligation to keep unsullied. We propose to keep it unsullied. But how?

The biggest obstruction which we have to clean, orderly, and wholesome Representative Government, which we confront in America today, is the presence in the social body of a voracious and unrestrained Money-Power, chiefly directed by outstanding leaders of this predatory and non-social people among us, whom we know, by translation of their own documents in their own press, are set on bending all social, political, and economic institutions to the world enhancement of their own people, declaring "that they will yet have us serfs on our own land within a generation".

We have no quarrel with any individual member of this element. No racial prejudices enter into our program. But we view with clear eyes the effective permeatings of agents of this element into our free government, our political offices, our fiscal and currency system, our patriotic organizations, and even into our religious denominations, despoiling and subverting deliberately and maliciously, their avowed intention being to emasculate any opposition that tends to effectively circumscribe them in their megalomaniacal objectives.

Temporary success seems to have crowned their subtle maneuverings, but no good purpose is served by detailing specific depredations. We have no desire to unnecessarily inflame the public passions or start reprisals of violence. We do recognize, however, that specific leaders and agents have obtained an unhallowed control over certain public offices of colossal influence in our government, either by appointment or election in their own persons, or by various forms of duress over representatives of other faiths and bloods, such duress not always recognized for that which it is. Enticements to political advantage, money loans of a quite harmless nature which later prove embarrassing to pay back, the support of influential journals in their behalf through money loans or advertising patronage, or invitations to participate in quite legitimate but heavily profitable undertakings, have placed hundreds of our finest public men in positions where they find them-

selves morally obligated to accede to requests, propositions, or demands, tending to fasten the tentacles of this alien Money Octopus with over increasing tenacity and rapacity on our institutions of social control and debauch their essential integrity.

We Silver Shirts have had a Mentorship, the nature of which need not enter into its practical instructings, that has shown us a way by which this predatory power can be smashed and destroyed by one clean-cut thrust into its black heart. The recommendation we have been given is neither radical nor visionary. It is the Great Foundation Stone on which all American political institutions as conceived by the Continental Fathers are supposed to rest. We make it Plank One of our Militant Platform of public service for a finer public probity. We phrase it in this manner:-

We declare that the democracy as projected in America between the years 1776 and 1789 had as its essence the right of a free people TO GOVERN THEMSELVES. But we Silver Shirts stand unalterably and irrevocably for a true and effective interpretation of that inalienable right, of which our Constitution says so much. We maintain that at the present time it exists as a nominal right only, and because it is only a nominal right and not actually in effect, we have the spectacle and indignity of a voracious and uncontrolled Money Bund able to exercise an unhallowed influence over the people's representatives.

We would not change our political institutions in the slightest detail. We would not abolish nor alter one single office in the government of the American people as set up by the Continental Fathers. But we say, with a thunderous voice and a flashing eye, that the functionaries in all those offices shall not only derive their power from the elective vote of the people BUT SHALL, AT ALL TIMES, BE SUBJECT TO THE ELECTIVE APPROVAL OF THE PEOPLE.

We approve of no NOMINAL democracy which declares that the populace shall merely have the dubious privilege of naming and dethroning as many little legislative autocrats as there may be legislators in the 48 American States.

WE SAY THAT THE HOUR BY HOUR LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS OF SUCH LEGISLATORS SHALL IN NOWISE BECOME LAW IN ANY INSTANCE UNTIL THOSE WHOM THOSE LEGISLATORS AFFECT TO REPRESENT SHALL HAVE PUT THEIR MAJORITY STAMP OF APPROVAL ON THAT WHICH HAS BEEN ENACTED AS LAW FOR THEM TO OBEY AND RESPECT.

Such a measure means that the form of government instigated by the Continental Fathers then becomes a living reality, and not a farcical election in every campaign of a great kingly bureaucracy secure against any reprisals for that which they do, until the succeeding election.

We maintain that a system should be instigated at once in administrative affairs universally, that is now in effect partially in the State of Vermont. It is the law that at the close of each legislative session in Vermont, there shall be sent to the public printer a complete transcript of all legislation which has passed both houses of that State during the session. The entire circulation figures of all the daily and weekly newspapers in Vermont is then compiled, and when such compendium of new legislation is completed in the printed booklet form, one copy is despatched to every subscriber or reader of a newspaper in the State.

This is done in Vermont, despite the expense, to make certain that the populace is acquainted with all the decrees and enactments which have become new laws in the commonwealth during that session.

We Silver Shirts maintain that if the small State of Vermont can so effectively compile, print, and distribute to every newspaper reader in the State, a complete compendium of its new legislation, that all States in the Union, as well as the Federal Government, can supply each voter at least monthly with a terse, understandable DIGEST of each and every bill that is brought up to be made into law by either State or National assemblies.

We maintain that the digest of such bills shall have spaces left thereunder for the expression of an Aye or Nay vote by John Smith, citizen, who is to be called upon to circumscribe himself by such laws and enactments. He shall read the Compendium and so register his approval or disapproval of such legislation. He shall then mail such Compendium under a free government frank to the properly appointed officer in the State or Federal Government, with whom his signature is on file by right of his being a voting citizen. If there is not a 51 percent vote of approval for such legislation from the given quota of voters to whom the legislation is to apply, it shall not become law, nor be considered as law, and the citizen is under no obligation to abide by it or pay any attention whatsoever to it.

We maintain that only by such constant direct Referendum to the People, can the people keep a control on their republican institutions, preserve truly representative government, and exercise a wholesome influence over those they elect to originate and debate such legislation.

We maintain that 75 percent of the legislation which is enacted, either by City Councils, State assemblies, or the Federal Congress, from session to session, presents in some form or other the economic interest of private groups, or individuals, who by connivance with fallible representatives or party leaders, legitimate or illegitimate, have worked to get such legislation made law, that the whole people may become subservient to their desires or interests in some form or other.

We maintain that more than half the troubles with which the general public is afflicted at the present time, come from unwise, unhallowed, unmoral, or partisan enactments against which the public has no redress until after mischief has been perpetrated on them; and even then they must wait two to four years to dethrone those who have so distressed them.

If a specific Representative or Senator knew in advance that any bill which he might bring into a governmental assembly was required to receive a majority endorsement from those who elected him, his psychology might become so altered that for the first time in American history he would think of the reaction of his bill on the public IN FACT instead of in theory. The public on the other hand, would become the real makers of law. And why not, since they are those who must obey such law?

True it is, that public enemies in the presence of voracious and rapacious members of an alien money-bund are in unquestioned control of most of the organs and instruments of public opinion that are of any

influence worth mentioning, but in hundreds of instances the expense and trouble of thus deliberately creating a supporting public opinion would be so great as to act as a wholesome deterrant on the general trend of autocratic legislation.

For the first time in American history, too, lawmakers would have to come before the public and explain their pet legislative schemes so that the general public can grasp them, not "slip over" scheme after scheme and appropriation after appropriation, by merely treating with a handful of very human and culpable men.

If the people of a free democracy have not the right to pass on the nature and utility of their own laws, or cannot be trusted to understand and pass judgment on their own laws, then their democracy is a farce AND THEY HAVE NO DEMOCRACY. They are living under a bureaucratic oligarchy, and the sooner we face the fact, the better.

A freeman who has not the right and privilege of saying which laws he shall live under and obey, by a majority vote of himself and his fellows, is a political serf. Electing those who originate and debate legislation is not enough. If a citizen is qualified to vote for a man to make laws for him, or to propose laws under the Direct Referendum, he is quite capable of approving or disapproving of the laws which that representative creates, and whose fiats he must conform to, in his private affairs.

If it is argued that such a practice would hinder and deter the quick passage of legislation, we answer thunderously that we have to live under such laws for long periods of time. A little delay enforced in the making of laws will result in few laws and better laws, and laws which will be better obeyed because citizens in the majority have approved of them. It will furthermore begin to awaken the citizen to the fact that he actually has a voice in his government, not the mere "privilege" of going to the polls every two or four years and designating which of two rascals shall frequently connive with the lobbyists of the Money-Bund to lord it over him or subject him to various forms of confiscation or spoliation.

We, Silver Shirts, have other remedies that ARE remedies for the prevailing public distemper. We have been given a complete agenda of the new Democracy truly based on the Principles of Christ, which is available for every citizen who desires to know what form of metamorphosed institutions are going to rear themselves on the debris of all this present venery and economic distress. This short Despatch is not the place to discuss them. We present to you herewith a new policy in democracy that is the very antithesis of anything socialistic or communistic, and that will be devastating in its control of the present unrestrained Money Powers.

We are organizing by State Encampments, 48 of them, with Posts in every community where a majority of the Christian people are sickened of all this unhallowed and extended rape of our highest ideals and the debauchery of our excellent democratic form of representative government. These Posts admit men and women on equal footing. At Asheville, N. C., there is a General Staff comprising five officers: The Chief, The Chamberlain, The Quartermaster, the Sheriff, and the Censor. Over each State there is a Commander, an Adjutant, a Purser, a Baliff, and a Solicitor. Over each Post there

is a Chaplain, a Scribe, an Almoner, a Marshal, and an Advocate. The men members of these Posts are uniformed in shirts of a beautiful Silver-Gray with a large brilliant "L" worked in red silk on the left breast. The uniformed trousers are corduroy knickers of blue with puttees or long socks. On the blue fore-in-hand tie is woven or pinned the Silver-Shirt's national number. There are no two similar numbers in the entire nation.

These are but cursory details of something which has been worked out in the most minute form, with one of the most beautiful Consecration Services that is conducted by any Christ organization in America. This great Christian Militia, nation-wide in its ramifications, means to suddenly become an active, dynamic, vigilante organization that shall not only take definite measures against the present lawless and predatory elements rampant throughout our debauched and distressed country today, but put in political office men from its own ranks, pledged to its own principles, who shall carry out a startling innovation in the furtherance of our American Democracy.

There is an entirely sound and feasible plan afoot for the INCORPORATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTO A COLOSSUS CORPORATION in which the present government officers shall be the officials but where every citizen shall become thereafter both a Common and a Preferred Stockholder, entitled to both the privileges and dividends of corporation stockholders, and putting production on the basis of consumption throughout the whole nation, and distributing its increment as a vast business concern according to its citizens' holdings of its securities.

That plan is too big and dynamic to describe here. But the Silver Shirts are not theorists. They have an entirely new principle in republican government that will lift the United States out of this stalemate within twenty-four hours from going into effect. Much of what they advocate and are working for, will write new American history. But the public has been clamoring for relief and leadership.

IN THE SILVER SHIRTS THE COUNTRY HAS GOT LEADERSHIP -- LEADERSHIP THAT KNOWS WHAT THE DEPREDATIONS OF THE PREDATORY ELEMENT ARE, HOW TO FIGHT AND END THEM, HOW TO COOP AND RESTRAIN THEM PERMANENTLY FROM ANY REPETITION OF SUCH DIABLERIE AS THEY HAVE INFLICTED ON THIS NATION UP TO THE PRESENT.

It costs only \$10 to become a Silver Shirt, plus the cost of the uniform, \$6 more. The fullest details are contained in The Silver Shirt manual, which, however, is not sent to mere curiosity seekers. Perspective Posts are designated as Rallies until they have been consecrated by the Consecration Services. Then both staff and members are informed definitely just what work needs to be done, how to set about doing it, and how to begin setting up a slate of political officers in all the 48 States for a new order of things here in America.

This is OUR country, founded in certain inalienable rights, and consecrated to the perpetuation of definite Christian ideals and customs of living. We propose without further ado, without equivocation, without any silly sentimentality sometimes known as Tolerance, to emasculate the debauchers within the social body and reestablish America on a basis where this spoliation can never again be repeated.

It can be done, and we know how to do it. Proof that we know what we are talking about lies in the fact that the public spoliators consider it necessary to utter death threats against the leader of The Silver Shirts if he persists in his activities. Headquarters is already being subjected to threats, intimidations, and other forms of duress. This would not be happening unless we were doing a work, or had "gotten hold of something" which other organizations in America have not.

This is not "another organization." We hold no banquets. We waste small time in speech making. Twenty thousand people throughout America are receiving and absorbing information on the Public Spoilers weekly through Silver Shirt agencies. The number is growing wherever there is distress but no leadership, only promises, delay, procrastination, and makeshift expedients that get nowhere.

The Silver Shirts comes to Christian citizens who want ACTION and says: "We will give it to you, pressed down and overflowing. We leaders are risking our lives to write a new page in American history. We do not propose to see America made the rag-bag and wastebasket for an element that Hitler is controlling in Germany, to have it transfer its predatory tactics wholesale over here into the United States, run our institutions high, wide, and handsome, and dictate to us what we as Anglo-Saxon freemen and native sons shall do, with an economic club over us if we refuse.

Within this coming year you are going to see the Silver Shirts loom large in the affairs of these United States. You will see their parades in the News Weeklies. You will hear about their activities at the National Capitol. You will read of their trenchant and uncompromising activities in communities where crime, lawlessness, distress, and spoliation is rampant.

If you are 18 year of age, of reasonably sound health, and not afraid to risk your life and limb for your country, you are asked to take the Oath of Consecration upon you, and step out as a TRUE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER, garbed in a shirt of Silver, with the great scarlet "L" emblazoned on your Banner and over your heart, standing for Love, Loyalty, and Liberation.

If you are a weakling, or given to compromise, sentimentality, docile acquiescence to intimidation, and nonentity in general, you are not wanted in this organization, which knows where it is going, and exactly what it proposes to accomplish. No Money-Bund currency is supporting this fighting Christian Militia. Its funds come from its members only. Most of them are assuring themselves of every scrap of information about Silver Shirt activities by sending in \$10 to the Silver Shirt War Chest.

We are marching with the times! Our Battle Hymn is "Onward, Christian Soldiers"! ARE YOU WITH US? WILL YOU AID IN HELPING TO ACTUALIZE THE TRUE DEMOCRACY OF JESUS THE CHRIST RIGHT HERE IN THESE TORTURED UNITED STATES?

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Winchell thought perhaps you would be  
interested in seeing the attached photograph, which explains  
itself. Mr. Fay already has a copy.

sincerely

*Ruth Cambridge*

Walter Winchell's secretary

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GREETINGS,  
DEAR MEMBER:-

A regular meeting of our post will be held on THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 27th, 1934 at 152 EAST 85th STREET — 8:30 P. M.

Matters of great importance will come up for discussion.

At the last meeting a representative from headquarters visited us. He outlined to the members the new chapter system and promised to write me about the outcome of Chief Pelley's trial, which is up in court this week. He also suggested, that our present group should continue under their present officers as a chapter.

I doubt the wisdom of this suggestion, because for months gone by, there was a great feeling of dissatisfaction - uneasiness - disagreement - disharmony amongst the members. Two particular factions - antagonistic to each other - have come to the surface. I am the chaplain of one of them. My group feels, that we do not come together like a bunch of children for a game of checkers, nor to spend our time and money to listen to the reading of newspaper clippings, or to razzing of the NRA etc.

We are men and women and as such do we assemble to fight for the cause, program and platform of our chief Pelley, - to start the party of Christ Democracy - to find ways and means to bring our message before the public - to stop these traitors in our present administration from further damage to our constitution, and to impeach them the quickest possible way.

To settle this matter of ill feelings once and for all, let each member join such group, which he thinks best for him — so that thereafter each such group can work harmoniously by itself for the great cause.

I now ask each of you to sign and return at once to me the coupon attached to this letter, by using enclosed envelope.

State frankly, whether or not you desire to join the new chapter, headed by myself as chaplain.

By doing so, you will save us time, money and work in the future.

Those members, that will remain in my group, will be duly notified of the date of next meeting and our new headquarters. Be sure to come regularly then. You will find hereafter a great difference in the atmosphere surrounding our new chapter.

Cordially Yours

JOHN H. REHNIG, Chaplain

### ANSWER

Dear Mr. Rehnig:-

By my own free will, and after careful consideration, do I  
declare myself ..... to join the new chapter, headed by you as chaplain.  
Kindly cross off

YES or NO

Name: .....

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Mr. J. B. Rush,  
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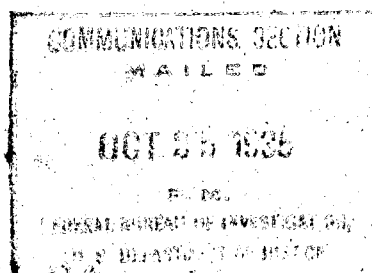
Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of October 10, 1935, which transmitted literature in regard to the Christian Commonwealth League and an article by William D. Pelley.

I wish to thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Any further information  
I may obtain I  
will gladly send  
it to you if you  
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Mail will eventually  
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Sincerely,

J. B. Rush.

# OUTLINE OF ORGANIZATION

of the

## CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE

The League is composed of a membership made up entirely of Christian Aryans, who are voting citizens of the United States. There shall be no distinction between the various Christian religions or denominations, the prime requisite being that each member be of the Christian Faith, or believing in and willing and anxious to further the teachings of Jesus Christ.

### PURPOSES:

The avowed purposes of the League shall be to spread enlightenment and knowledge throughout its membership, of matters pertinent to the establishment of a purely Christian Government in the United States; to organize all Christians into the vast CHRISTIAN MILITIA whose paramount ideal is to protect the Constitution of the United States of America, and to see that its principles are administered by Christians.

To further the organization and establishment of THE CHRISTIAN PARTY in the United States to bring about, by popular vote in 1936, the election to all public offices in the United States only those individuals who are members of or endorsed by this organization, having first received definite assurance from all such candidates of their avowed intention of living up to and carrying out the stated purposes of the Christian Party.

The Christian Commonwealth League proposes to obtain their objectives primarily by political means, peacefully, lawfully, and without violence. Nevertheless, they do not constitute a strictly political organization. They enlist under their banner (the Anvil and Torch) the great moral force that is Christianity in its essence to see that the principles of The Christ are carried out equitably and practically in every avenue of everyday life. They will not stand for the Country being dominated and conducted by an alien people, whose ideas and ethics are not Christian ideas and ethics, and who openly sneer at our Christ of the Immaculate Conception as "Christ the Bastard." We are the unalterable foes of Russian-Jewish form of Communistic Government, and of all other similar organizations which propose to destroy the Constitution of the United States.

We want no bloody revolution. We countenance no violence of any kind. We mean to cure once and for all time the awful ills of our debauched and pillaged United States by emasculating the powers of the predatory moneybund which has been trafficking in human lives and labor for many generations. This must be done by education. By preaching AMERICANISM to AMERICA. By THINKING AMERICAN,

one thunderous roar of ballots at the proper time, let the American people designate the form of Christian Government and pure democracy as set forth in our beloved Constitution, which must be lived up to in future generations.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** There are to be two classes of membership in the organization: FOUNDATION and GENERAL.

**FOUNDATION MEMBERS:** This group consists of picked men and women in every community. These members must be carefully selected because of their sterling integrity, influence, confidence and respect, and above all undying loyalty to Christian Principles and American Ideals. It is from this group that all candidates for political and public office must come in 1936 and future elections. It is in these good people that the fate of the whole movement must stand, and upon the loyalty and stick-to-it-iveness of this group rests the degree of success or failure in the Cause.

When the proper time comes, the entire program of the Christian Party will be carried to the American Public by radio, newspaper, the public platform and all other means of communication and proper manner of publicity to reach every citizen of the United States. However, before that time comes, it is essential that a corps of leaders be developed in every section of the country. Men and women who can, when the time comes, be galvanized into action, head all local organizations in the movement to secure millions of new members, and to direct their activities toward the certain success which will sweep into office, the CHRISTIAN PARTY.

Not all individuals are suited for, or mentally and physically equipped as leaders, although they may be staunch and loyal members. It must be remembered that we have the gigantic task of developing a practically new group of political leaders, imbued with a complete understanding of our sterling principles of Americanism and Christianity, and who can be depended upon to assume the responsibilities the offices of Government under the Christian Commonwealth, and lead the entire nation into an era of unprecedented prosperity and genuine Christian American happiness.

For this reason, the plan of organization which this League has adopted, allows the development of men and women who are fitted for leadership, and by this plan, those who are capable of leading and directing, will automatically prove themselves as such, and in so demonstrating the scope of their abilities, will build a following in their respective districts which will form the backbone of our nation-wide campaign.

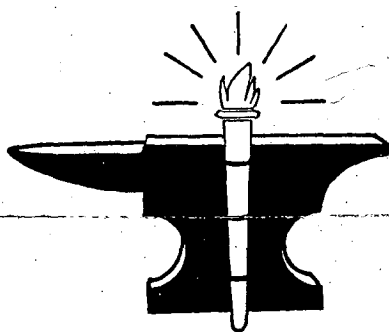
eventually, it will not be found wanting in leadership and direction in any corner of the country. It is only facing facts to acknowledge that 75 per cent of our citizens take no more than a passing interest in governmental affairs, or in voting for candidates for public office, from the lowest to the highest. This is the very reason why professional politicians and lobbyists and those who wish to engineer the machinery of government to their own advantage have been able to do so for so long. It is to be expected that these same subversive interests will soon sense the doom of their power of manipulation under the Christian Party and Christian Commonwealth, and will use every means at their command to belittle and vilify our organization and its worthy purpose, harrass its leaders, twist its principles, and misquote its activities. A deeply implanted knowledge of our work and purposes with new leaders,

sterling American Christians, fighting for the preservation of all that Christianity and Americanism stands for, is the most effective weapon with which to combat such subversive influences.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIPS:** This class of membership is to be composed of the great rank and file of Christian Americans to be inducted into the organization when the time comes to seek nation-wide publicity, and in preparation for the general elections of 1936. As General Members are not sought at this time, it is not necessary to give much thought to them and their function now, suffice to say that the final drive in the closing months of the campaign will be by the Foundation Members for millions of General Members.

To this end, the organization of the Christian Commonwealth League goes serenely forward.

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# At the Sign of the Cross!

**I propose to Serve my Country  
as its next President!**



## **The Announcement you have been waiting for!**

**I** CANNOT remain indifferent another day to the plans being completed behind the political scenes for the complete serfdom of the American people by the Presidential election of 1936. I have searched my country for a standard-bearer who has the illumination and courage to grasp that the campaign of 1936 is to be fought out strictly on the lines of race and religion. I have found no such man. Every candidate of every party considers it a foregone necessity to truckle to the dictates of insolent Jewry, otherwise he sees no hope for the success of his election. Lacking such a candidate and such a party, to whom I might throw the support of my great national force of The Silver Legion, I am faced with the grim alternative of lifting that ensign of an All-Christian national party myself. *I propose to follow Franklin D. Roosevelt in the Chief Executive's chair of this debauched and prostrate nation and undo the unhallowed mischief of four years of soul-bureaucracy!*

Atheistic Communism, sponsored by the worst elements among the world's Jews, disguising itself in this coming election as The Worker's Party, is planning a wholesale onslaught on the remnants of our Christian institutions by capturing the 1936 election. There is but one answer to what is being prepared behind the scenes of Red Radicalism to carry looted America over the precipice into the abyss of Jewish Bolshevism. That answer is *an All-Christian National Party*, led by a standard-bearer whom Jewish money cannot buy, whom Jewish skullduggeries cannot hoodwink, whom Jewish intimidation cannot frighten, and who has the enlightenment to make his battlecry: "*For Christ and Constitution!*"

I am, on this 16th day of August, 1935, founding nationally The Christian Party and calling on every menaced Gentile in these prostrate United States to form an overwhelming juggernaut that shall launch itself at predatory Jewry and rip loose the smothering clutch which Jewish Communism has been steadily perfecting on Christian America since the inception of the administration in March, 1932.

I propose to cast the predatory Jews of America out of their positions of prostituted power and return this nation to the rule of its sane Christian majority that distinguished it as the best government on earth prior to 1932.

I propose to head this All-Christian Party without a shade of equivocation, without retreating a single inch from my four-year position as the unalterable foe of Communistic Jewry, without the slightest compromise with venal politics or trafficking with professional politicians, offering the bilked and hysterical American people a roster of all-Christian executives, both State and National, on whom they can pin their outraged faith for a great American comeback, economically and culturally.

The Jewish radicals of America have done everything in their power short of attempted murder to suppress, bankrupt, and imprison me. Their rabbinate has distinguished me as "The Most Dangerous Man in America!" They have not hesitated to prostitute the committee powers of the federal Congress and squander thousands of dollars of the taxpayers money, to blast me from the political scene as the one great menace to their Moscow-directed strategies before I became too powerful to crush.

*I am accepting their challenge!*

I propose to meet them on their own ground. Judah has proven itself to be deathly fearful of The Silver Legion. I intend to lead my Christian compatriots straight into federal place and position by the overwhelming power of the ballot. I fear no Jew who has ever been born. I fear no rascality of any Jewish agent. I say that their oriental schemes for sovietizing America shall not succeed. If these Communistic Jews have brazenly declared themselves to be the scourge of the world's Christian peoples, then I sternly reply that I will show myself the scourge of these Communistic Jews!

I am sounding a silver bugle-call from Maine to California, from Minnesota to Texas, for every Christian patriot who has had enough of Jewish influence in federal and state politics, enough radical skullduggery in economic recovery schemes, *to rally around the Sign of the Cross* and support an all-Christian constitutional party that will have no Jew in any government department, or in any place of civic responsibility, and that will furthermore limit Jewish economic influence strictly according to Jewish preponderance in the American census.

The people of Christian America want a standard-bearer in the 1936 election who has shown that he cannot be subverted by Jewish gold nor frightened by Jewish persecution.

The people of Christian America want a standard-bearer in the 1936 election who can stalk unmindful through the most pestilential fogs of Jewish villification, slander and lecherous oppression.

The contest of 1936 will be based on "*The Cross and the Constitution against the Six-Pointed Star and oriental Sovietism.*"

I propose to make a successful fight for the United States Presidency on my record to date as the unswerving foe of Communistic Jewry as it has disclosed itself openly and nationally during the Roosevelt Administration, as it formerly controlled the Hoover and Wilson Administrations, as it proposes to control whatever party or candidate who would otherwise be elected by the usual methods of political skullduggery in the campaign of 1936.

I am coming before the American people with the stern request that they observe the identity of my enemies, and what they tried to do to me in 1934 during my regency as Chief of the Silver Legion. The worst elements within our nation have exhausted every means within their power to suppress me, to imprison me, to destroy me. They have slandered me by printing in their satrap journals that I am in prison as a common felon. I shall show the hoodwinked American people that I am not in prison. *I propose to build a nation-wide political machine in the next fourteen months that shall bring to criminal trial every radical, regardless of his race, religion, or economic position who can be shown to have promoted this fearful depression, with its attendant Christian suffering, or who has subtly assisted in keeping it permanent that public discontent might feed the fires of satanic Communism!* When the time is ripe I shall step forth upon the public platform and indict to their faces every man whom I know to be guilty of serving radical Judah, naming names and dates and places where their lecheries took place. Nothing which the Samuel Dicksteins of America have done to me and my cohorts has accomplished anything other than to toughen our stamina, show us the expedients to which these orientals descend to accomplish their designs, and bring home to us the bitterness of the struggle which is now upon us with all masks stripped aside.

~~The radical Jews of America have everywhere benevolently and unreservedly proclaimed themselves in power that they cannot be cast out. If they flash the Six-Pointed Star, I shall give them a view of the Radiant Christian Cross!~~ This is my preliminary announcement that my tens of thousands of friends from coast to coast, and from Canada to Mexico, have my unconditional consent to start their work publicly or privately to make our ensigns supreme on the 4th day of November, 1936. Further announcements shall be forthcoming every two weeks from now until the day of our election to office. I am abroad in Great America, and shall make further plans with each group of my supporters as I contact them.

**CHRISTIANS, UNITE! You have nothing to lose but your Jewish shackles!**

—PELLEY

# "The Reds are Coming!"

## A Call to new Lexington Minute Men

CHRISTIAN patriotism stands at bay! The United States contains millions of people who now realize in devastating shock that their Administration lies completely in the hands of a small group of powerful Jews, that 65 per cent of the wealth of the nation is Jewish owned or manipulated, that the newspapers of the nation must knuckle to the Jewish-dominated National Association of Department Store Owners, that the screen and radio is Jewish controlled, that out of 75 key men around the President, 52 of them are Jews or Gentile-fronts for Jews who have gone on record as favoring a Soviet form of Government for this Nation.

But this is not all that millions of Americans are grasping in shock. In the colossal program of Federal Relief, Jews are everywhere in command of welfare personnel, in great cities like New York it is mainly the Jewish elements who are getting the soft jobs and preferments while Gentiles are being left to starve, in cities like San Francisco the complaint is bitter that Jewish relief officials are riding about in Lincoln cars while Christian families are striving to subsist on a rancid ham and half-dozen eggs the week around. In the eastern CCC camps, Jewish theatrical companies are putting on Communistic plays underwritten by PWA funds! Great organs of public opinion are being subverted or hoodwinked into preaching the vile doctrine that any who oppose the Jewish Communist scheme to sovietize this nation are Fascists engaged in setting up an American dictatorship.

The atheistic Communists, 90 per cent Jewish, are now joining hands with the old-line Socialists, and the radical elements within the American Federation of Labor to put forth The Workers Party in the 1936 election. This tremendous support is to be thrown behind the Rooseveltians, obviously as the group most sympathetic to the aims and designs of the insolent agents of Anti-Christ. Great radicals in the American Government are not overlooking the congressional allotment of the 5 Billion Dollar slush-fund, meant for Relief, but potentially a titanic financial weapon for effecting the complete subjection of American voters to the soviet-controlled Bureaucracy.

Everywhere these radical Jews, and Gentile fronts for Jews, are deporting themselves with a self-confident insolence which indicates that they have the United States of America "in the bag." In Long Branch, N. J., a group of Hebrew youngsters, none of them over ten years old are overheard baiting a little Christian child playing with them on the sidewalk. A Christian Party woman listens from her window while a little Hebrew boy sneers, "Why you dirty little Christian, before we get through, you'll be glad to eat rotten vegetables in the corners of our Jewish cellars!" Do Hebrew 10-year-olds originate such diatribes of their own initiative? Is it not probable that



America's Fighting Christians must have a dauntless, clean-cut, uncontaminated political Party, recognized openly and fearlessly for what it is, based four-square on a policy of "Down with the Reds! Out with the Jews!" and dedicated to the sound Americanism, "A Christian Government for preponderant Christian America!"

With its emblem of The Torch and Anvil—the Torch for militant Spirituality and the Anvil representing honest Labor—THE CHRISTIAN PARTY is offered to America's looted and hoaxed millions as a rallying-point for all the wholesome patriotic, enlightened, constructive elements in Christian United States.

Its standard-bearer is the man whom the Jews under the asinine radical Samuel Dickstein spent \$30,000 of the public funds to try to suppress in 1934 by his infamous Committee on Un-American Activities, and \$15,000 of private Jewish funds to try to send to prison for a trumped-up violation of the North Carolina Blue Sky Laws. Great fronts for Jews have stood on public platforms in Cleveland and Los Angeles, and declared Pelley of The Silver Legion to be "... the most dangerous man in America!" And so he is—to themselves and their unhallowed designs on Christian integrity. "Make no mistake," declared a secret bulletin alleged to have been circulated among Jews, "this man is extremely capable and greatly to be feared."

Pelley has proven that he cannot be bought, that he cannot be defected, that he cannot be frightened. An offer of \$100,000 was secretly made him, if he would abandon this battle, go off to Europe for the rest of his life, and enjoy himself. Indignantly he spurned it. The prostituted powers of the Federal Congress and the Franklstein administration were used to "investigate" his activities and prove that he was but a tool of Adolf Hitler attempting to set up an American Fascism. All of it got exactly nowhere. Threats against his life are of weekly occurrence.

This man and his Silver Legion running-mate, Kemp of California, come to the American people with an out-and-out CHRISTIAN PARTY and program, declaring without equivocation that they stand four-square on the Federal Constitution, that they cannot be deceived or intimidated by this flood of infamous propaganda to destroy the American form of government because alien agents have first manufactured a great economic Depression to force the issue of a soviet dictatorship by public and private suffering.

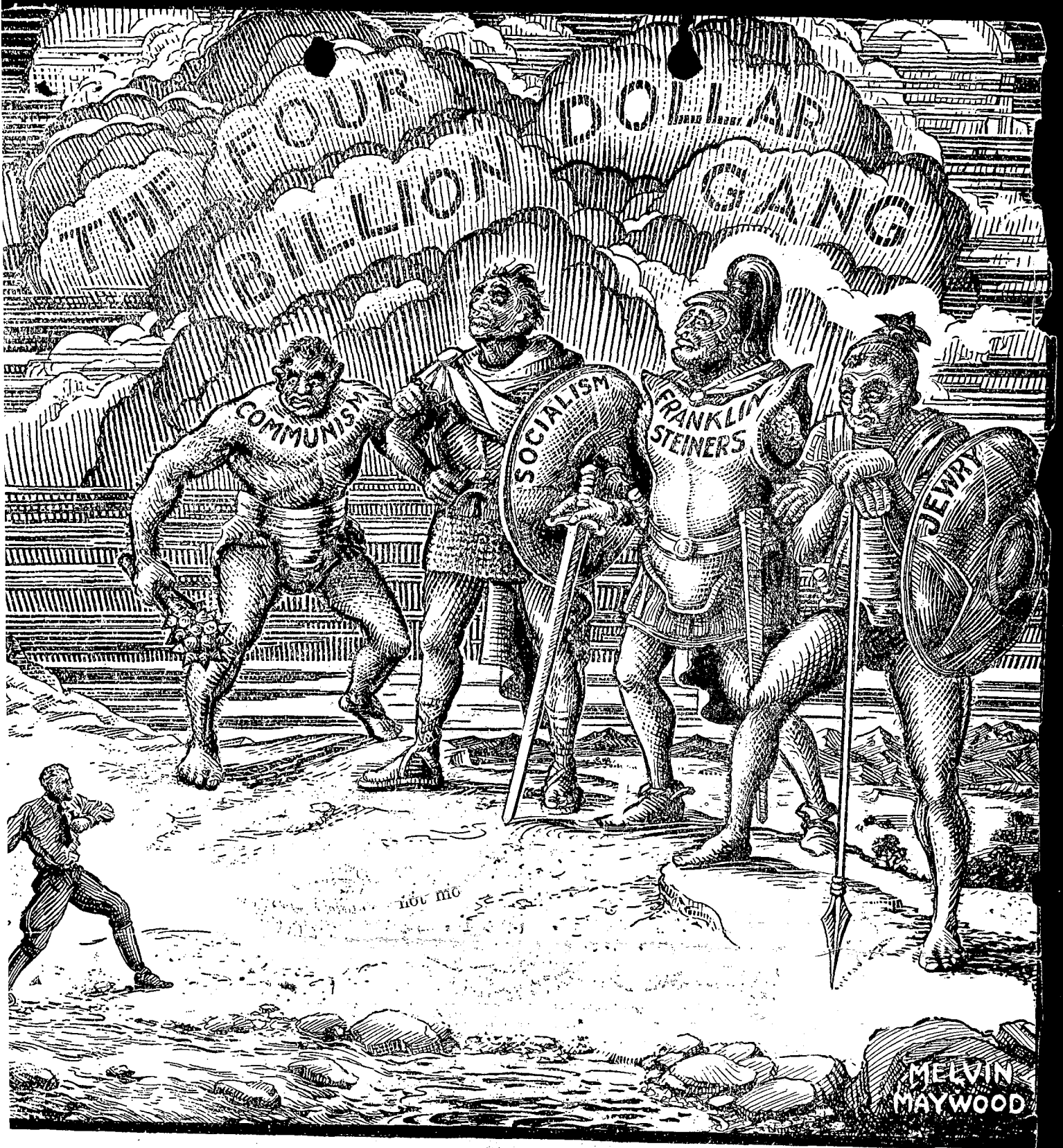
The leaders of this dauntless Party know these Jewish radicals and exactly what they mean to accomplish. They know they are pitted against the might of controlled newspapers, a Hebrew movie screen, a sympathetic radio hookup, a disorganized and debauched postal system in which the rights to private mail are no longer sacrosanct. Pelley and his men know that this little group of Jewish Radicals has gained the ear of the nation's Christian Catholics and maliciously and untruthfully persuaded them that Pelley has aspired to set up a new form of the Ku Klux Klan in the United States.

Pelley has made the open declaration in ringing tones: "I recognize only Christians in this fight. Which means that I recognize ALL Christians. I make absolutely no distinction among Christians on account of their church, denomination, sect or creed. The villification that I have sought to revive the Klan is exposed by the actual presence of thousands of Catholic boys in our ranks. Of their sincerity as patriots I have no question. Whispering campaigns to the contrary are but satanic endeavors to get Christian Catholics to pull Judah's chestnuts out of the fire. I respect and expect the support of any and every Christian element that will not tolerate this Red attack on our common culture, our common moral code, our common concept of human ethics!" Could any statement be plainer? Pelley has added in the face of such slanders, "It is an ironical claim that I seek to divide Christians when my own maternal grandmother's maiden name was Sullivan!"

Christians of America, you cannot dodge this issue. The bitterness of your plight is demonstrated by the un-American censorship over radio and mails. When the late Will Rogers went on the air with some of his beloved pleasantries about atheistic Russia, his voice was cut off from his hearers by studio executives until he returned to more prosaic subjects. In a little Maine town a Christian Party woman protests to a Jewess postmistress that her Christian Party mail had been opened and examined. "What of it?" is the brazen reply received, "It's only a question of time before all such writings against us are going to be barred from the United States mail, anyhow."

Christians! Patriots! **The Reds are Coming!** Are you going to stand in a hapless huddle like human sheep while your nation is looted, your homes wrenched from you, your food denied you, your sons and daughters debauched and perverted, OR WILL YOU AROUSE YOURSELVES LIKE VALIANT AMERICANS AND THROW A MIGHTY ELECTORAL GAUNTLET TO THESE OVERSEAS FORCES OF SPOILIATION AND PERVERSION?

—THE CHRISTIAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE  
1935-1936



# The Four Goliaths

**Where Are YOU In This Picture?**

**A** BODY of hoodwinked and bedeviled Congressmen obediently voted the Franklinsteiners four billions of dollars "to relieve the sufferings of the Jewish people" for times and times.



Internationale, "The Communist Party should support the election of President Roosevelt at the next election because his defeat might enable forces now opposing our forces to give us a body blow."

Never were the foundations of our Republic in greater danger. Communistic Jews are overrunning our land from coast to coast, sneering at Constitutionalism, preaching the overthrow of our American form of government by violence, succeeding everywhere to commanding positions in American business, hogging fat places on the relief rolls while seeing that no Jewish families starve, taking jobs from native Americans although Jews may have been over here from Germany or the Ukraine only a matter of weeks, insulting our honest and industrious German citizens, trying to maneuver us into a war with Chancellor Hitler, preaching sedition and sex debauchery among the boys and girls in our colleges, and protecting themselves by the travesty on political logic that any attempt to restrain or suppress them is Fascism.

What are you going to do about it, native Christians of America? What **can** you do about it? Are you one of those mischievously led to believe that there is nothing you can do about it?

Christian patriots of America, it is **your** money which the Billion-Dollar Gang is squandering so criminally to reduce you to the status of hired men on your own lands, to thrust your children into a slavery beside which the former peasantry of Russia was an aristocracy. Businessmen of America, the agents of The Billion-Dollar Gang are going among you with the same old mealy-mouthed enticements, soliciting you to contribute to the various campaign funds of 1936. They are impressing you with the fact that if you are disgruntled with the antics of the soviet-tinged Democratic Party, there is only the Republican Party to support as alternative. But it makes no difference whether the Democratic or Republican Party is entrenched in Washington for the next four years, **the same old Moscow-prompted Jewish Gang will remain in control behind the scenes!** It was there in the Wilson Administration. It was there in the Hoover Administration. It will do all that lies within its power to see that no man comes to the Chief Executive's chair who will not do its bidding in the Administration that follows Roosevelt.

But THE CHRISTIAN PARTY comes to the hoaxed and impoverished voters in this campaign and says, "Your one escape from the Jewish serfdom that threatens Christian North America is to put a man in the White House whose persecutions at the hands of the Billion-Dollar Gangsters have shown that he cannot be bought by them, that he cannot be controlled by their duress or their threats. Alone and single-handed, Pelley of The Silver Legion has fought the Billion-Dollar Gang in this nation for four cruel years. Like David of old, with a single pebble in his sling, he stands now confronting not one Goliath but **four**. Will you let The Billion-Dollar Gang crush him, or will you realize the true meaning of this fight which he is waging and back him up to the limit of your resources? Pelley is the one man in the United States that The Billion-Dollar Gang fears with a colossal fear. He has been publically dubbed by its spokesmen on the platform as 'the most dangerous man in America!' Its agents have tried to buy him off and failed miserably. The prostituted powers of the United States Congress, and the legal machinery of the great State of North Carolina, were combined unsuccessfully to imprison him. His publications have been crushed, his premises looted. **Would The Billion-Dollar Gang go to such lengths to suppress him unless he had something which this stricken and betrayed country needs?** Here is a man whose books and publications on the causes and cure of this radical-manufactured Depression have startled and awakened a continent. He is proven as the one standard-bearer whom the deceived and impoverished Christians of America can depend upon to fight The Four Goliaths to a mighty finish!"

Pelley and his associates have projected THE CHRISTIAN PARTY to put men of brains and Gentile stamina in control of Washington from 1936 to 1940, and break the murderous stranglehold of the professional political monopoly that lets the American electorate vote for its handpicked candidates of one party or the other, and secretly controls both as necessity dictates, calling the travesty "popular government." Not a contaminated dollar comes into the coffers of this CHRISTIAN PARTY from the great vested interests. The finances on which this Party is battling the most titanic slush-fund in all history are coming from the starvation earnings of desperate men and women, unwilling to submit to all this spoliation without a contest.

It will cost a million and a half dollars to put this outstanding anti-Communistic and anti-Jewish leader of America's stricken Christians in the White House. **But 300,000 people contributing \$5 apiece will do it!** Pelley is risking his life itself to make this Battle of the Century. How much will YOU risk? Thousands of earnest Americans who have watched and endorsed Pelley's fight over the past four years have bled themselves white to support him in his battle to the moment. It is one man's Christian courage and American audacity against the Four Goliaths of The Billion-Dollar Gang. **WILL YOU BACK HIM UP?**

Pelley of The Silver Legion, 45 years old son of a Methodist minister from Massachusetts, has said, "I recognize only Christian Gentiles in this fight, which means that I recognize ALL Christians, regardless of church, creed, or denomination. We must make our stand for our country which the Jewish Communists are wrecking. It is a bare-faced, bare-fisted fight now, for race and religion. Only those who recognize the possibility of utter defeat at our hands, call us Fascists."

# Christians, Don't Be Fooled!

## See the Jewish Man-of-Straw for what he is!

EVERYWHERE the Jewish Communists are raising the battle-cry: "We must save the United States from the Fascists!" Christians of America, don't be hoodwinked! What they really mean, say is, "We must at all costs keep the United States from going anti-Jewish!" The Jews who are in power must be protected, that they may continue their insolent program of "peaceably" penetrating this Land of the Free and Home of the Brave and taking over its political and economic institutions. There must be no menace to their megalomaniacal power. To make certain that no such menace should arise to thwart them, they first promoted a great wave of anti-Fascism in Europe. Thereat they ordered their American journals to pick it up. Now the Jewish Communists, disguising themselves as The Workers Party and adroitly maneuvering themselves into control of The American Federation of Labor, are making their rallying cry: "We must save America from Fascism!"

There is no Fascist movement in America and never has been. All of it is a Man of Straw to be first set up to horrify the gullible Christian Gentiles, then to be knocked over in a great travesty of "deliverance." This much attacked "Fascism" in the United States is nothing but a cute Jewish method for spiking in advance any move that might break out wholesale against the Jews as the plotting element among us, day by day bringing the nation under their quasi-oriental domination.

Even if there were a Fascist Menace in the United States, our Christian people would not require the cohorts of Russian-Jewish atheism to constitute their defenders against it. They would be quite competent of coping with it themselves!

The Jews of the world knew that there would ultimately be a reaction against their program by the Christians. To prepare against it, they first made the utmost of the Hitler "persecutions" against them in Germany to spread a Fascist scare among the deceived Gentiles of the United States. So roundly vilified have the Hitler men become in the American press, over the Jewish-owned movie screen and radio, that Jews could then proceed to their next step: Declaring everything as Fascist that dared to stand up and oppose them. They have cunningly conveyed to the minds and spirits of the impoverished Americans that Fascism threatens the American form of Constitutional government whenever and wherever a Christian patriot arises in protest at Jewish dominance of political government, the economic fabric, and so-called Relief programs instigated by the federal government, that "relieve" Jews first and Christian Americans in case there is anything left.

There is no Fascism in America, according to European meanings of the term. There IS a great tidal wave of anti-Semitism arising in America. No one is proposing any dictator for America after the Mussolini standards. Hundreds of thousands ARE proposing a return to fundamental Christian Constitutionalism coupled with an Amendment that the alien Jews be forever disfranchised from working any more mischief in republican form of government and Christian institutions.

Witness, however, the wave of hysteria that is being promoted by the Jewish Communists, directed from Moscow, that America must be "saved" from her Fascist elements. All of it is but a Man of Straw for the plotting orientalists to knock over at their pleasure, laughing in their sleeves meanwhile that the Christians are so "dumb" . . .

The latest developments in the camps of these "anti-Fascists" who are so tender in their regard for America's integrity, are support and adulation of Roosevelt and the current Administration for being so "friendly" to America's "working classes." Everywhere the Communists are now coming forth with their open support of the President, brazenly proclaiming him as "The First Communist President of the United States." The gang around the President is the same gang that originally made up the million dollars that put Leninism and Stalinism on the map of the nations. It is the Billion-Dollar Gang that has promoted this Depression from the first, that American Christian morale might be so broken and Gentile spirit be brought to such a pass of impoverishment, that no resistance could be offered to the soviet program being daily strengthened in Washington and behind the scenes of federal "relief" . . .

### Christians, don't be fooled!

You are getting no relief that truly relieves, and by this time you should know it. You are merely getting a great press fanfare of relief, the pouring out of billions of dollars that are merely keeping the souls and bodies of impoverished Christians together and holding the country from revolution at the hands of starving masses. When Roosevelt asked the Congress for nearly five billions of dollars, he already had a billion-and-a-half dollars unspent from previous credit allotments. The money that is being used at present is being parceled out on a basis of "Support the Communist Program and you can have three dollars a week to keep you from death by starvation!" It amounts to that, as the "relief" workers in great cities like New York and Chicago proposition those who apply to them for final succor.

All of it is a travesty on real aid to put the country back where it was when the Jews began their program openly in 1929. If a citizen or the head of a family is hundreds of dollars in debt before he applies for relief, and the few paltry dollars doled out to him by sneering young Jews with cigarettes dangling from the corners of their mouths do nothing but keep him from actual starvation, what good does it do to put him on the dole? The federal money he receives has long since been spent before he received it—if he is lucky enough to receive it. Before such relief will be accorded him, however, he must first be reduced to the actual status of a pauper, declare that he has nothing, that he has no relatives to help him, that actual death from privation stares him in the face. In this condition he is graciously allotted something like five dollar's worth of cheap groceries every two weeks. Meantime, in great cities like New York, Jews have only to make application to get all the relief they desire, many of them owning properties and running automobiles while receiving it. This is the travesty of the 5 Billion Dollar federal program that is everywhere being touted as "bringing America back" . . .

These Jews have no expectation of allowing America to come back until they have perfected and accomplished their program of making this country subservient to Moscow. They are causing the Christians of America to subsist solely on HOPE, while they are becoming so undernourished and impoverished that their power to fight is almost gone. Fine words and phrases pour out of the White House microphone, alleged to be written by a little clique of Communistic Jews settled in a ghetto-nest in Georgetown, D. C. But they are only fine words and phrases. It was reported from the little town of Muncie, Ind., when "the vote of confidence" was given the so-called "Roosevelt policies" in November of last year that a cool million dollars of public funds was promised for the relief aid of that district if the "vote of confidence" was forthcoming. The city of Muncie "went Democrat" in consequence after years of Republicanism. Go out to Muncie and investigate for yourself how much of that million-dollar aid was actually advanced for the relief of those Indianians after the "confidence" vote was given!

The line-up of The Billion-Dollar Gang as it now stands is, "Communists-Socialists-Rooseveltian Democrats-Jews" . . . they are now linked arm in arm for the complete and utter despotism over America's Christian Gentiles. Congressional funds voted in all good faith for national relief are in reality effecting the insolence of a super-Tammany thrown over America, but with the difference from New York's Tammany that instead of good Irish Christians being in control as a great goodnatured game, the new federal Tammany is strictly a Jewish-sovietistic bureaucracy, ensconcing itself so that it can later name a Moscow-directed dictator over the American Government.

The one resolute alternative for the American people to embrace is the audacious and completely enlightened CHRISTIAN PARTY, headed up by Pelley of the Silver Legion, resolutely pledged to defranchise all Jews as a non-American element and forever prohibit them from employing their purloined wealth to reduce this once-happy and prosperous nation to the status of Jewish-dominated Russia of the moment.

The Christian Party has absolutely no connection with the Nazi Germans or the European Fascists, excepting that it approves morally the stand taken by Adolf Hitler that Jewish conspiring against Christian institutions must be cooped and destroyed for all time. The infamous Dickstein investigations in the Congress failed to disclose that Pelley and his men ever received a dollar from the Hitlerites, or had any connection with them whatever. Pelley's Fighting Christians could scarcely be Fascists and yet agitate rigorously for a return of the United States to the strictly American form of Constitutional government.

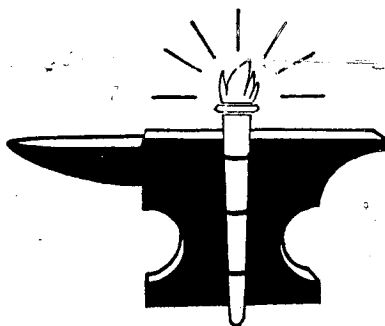
Do not be fooled, Christians! It is the elements amongst us inspired and controlled by Moscow that are raising this Fascist bugbear and expecting YOU to fall for it. When the Jewish publicists rail hysterically against American Fascism, they are really screaming against anti-Communism and anti-Semitism.

Do you want the Communists to save America for the Jews?

Have we as Christian patriots fallen so low that we need the atheistic interests directed from Moscow to preserve the political integrity of our beloved land?

VOTE FOR PELLEY AND THE ALL-CHRISTIAN TICKET ON NOVEMBER 4, 1936!

—THE CHRISTIAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE  
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# "Down with the Reds! Out with the Jews"

## The Platform of the Fighting Christians

IT HAS been estimated that 10 million Jews have come into the United States since the War in utter contempt for the Immigration Quota laws. By the power of vast sums of money first wrung from the American people by the depredations of the Depression, they have everywhere wormed their ways into political control, financial domination, and relief administration. Christian Gentiles by the hundreds of thousands have had their properties foreclosed on them or sold for high taxes. Twenty million native Americans are jobless. But how many Jews do you see jobless or impoverished?

As one great Jew, high in Administrative circles, insolently sneered, "Europe has a peasantry, why shouldn't America have one?" Obviously the work of creating an American peasantry, hired men on lands that their forefathers won from the wilderness at the cost of blood and treasure, goes tragically forward. "Everywhere you look you see a Jew!" is the fraught disgruntlement of millions of arousing Christians, beginning to discern that they can no longer be hoodwinked by the God's Chosen People myth, that at last they must gird themselves for battle for their race, culture, and religion.

Moscow has ordered an American coalition with the Socialists and American Federation of Labor, all to support Roosevelt in 1936 "because his defeat would mean the triumph of the forces opposed to us." This utterance by Dimitroff definitely labels the present Federal Bureaucracy, with its scores of "Gentile Fronts" for what it is. There is but one way in which patriotic Christians can combat this fearful menace to their properties, their families, and their lives. They must elect a President and Congressional majority to office in 1936 that are resolutely and openly committed to a policy of "Down with the Reds, Out with the Jews!"

THE CHRISTIAN PARTY has come into existence in response to the demands of the times and the insufferable conditions of poverty and anarchy which Jews themselves have created. Its Presidential Standard-Bearer is Pelley of The Silver Legion, who for four grim years has been the pioneer in the United States in organized work against Jewish Communism. Pelley, 45 years old, a native of Massachusetts, of pure English-Irish stock, son of a Methodist clergyman, is saying to Christian elements of the stricken United States, "Make me your Chief Executive and give me an aroused Christian majority in Congress in 1936, and I will smash the Billion-Dollar Gang that has moved in on us from the ghettos of Germany and Russia!"

Christian Constitutionalism must have its shackles struck away by a man who has proven his stamina in the face of the most savage alien persecution. There can be no equivocation in this campaign, no sentimental recourse to shouts of "intolerance," "race prejudice," "religious persecution," "keep religion and politics separate." To be a Christian does not mean to be a nincompoop. The Fighting Christians are men enough to stage a bitter warfare against the forces of sovietism and spoliation everywhere rampant. Pelley's Platform is simplicity itself. He declares in ringing tones—

I PROPOSE to defranchise the Jew by Constitutional Amendment, to make it impossible for a Jew to own property in the United States excepting under the same licensing system successfully employed against Occidentals in Japan, and to limit Jews in the professions, trades and sciences by license according to their quotas of representation in the population.

I PROPOSE to compel the registration of every alien in the United States, making him reveal his date and manner of entry into this country, and the deportation or concentration of all aliens who cannot give lawful account of themselves in American territory.

I PROPOSE to repudiate all recognition of Red Russia if it is not accomplished before 1936, to put an embargo on all transfer of moneys and goods to the Soviet Regime, and to do all those things which the United States may legally do to aid and encourage the return of Russia to its pure-bred White Russian elements.

I PROPOSE a return to the strictest forms of American Constitutionalism, demanding and effecting that the nicely adjusted balances between the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial departments of our government shall be re-established and honored, progressively discharging and abolishing the present soviet-hued Bureaucracy as its multitudinous workers are provided with jobs in private industry.

I PROPOSE that if any further Federal credits are advanced to restore sound economic recovery, that they assume the form of long-term loans without obstructive red tape or usurious interest rates direct to the private citizen, thus restoring his burglarized buying power and letting American initiative in business come back by natural economic processes.

I PROPOSE the complete repeal of the despotic and autocratic Banking Act of 1935, the untying of the hands of the American banker and the restoration of his individualistic functions of 1929, and the substitution of a Banking Bill which allots control and direction of the Federal Reserve system to the bankers themselves, absolutely devoid of all political dominance or duress.

I PROPOSE the highest possible protective tariff for American industry and the sterling principles of the smallest possible interference by Government in business unless it shall be shown that utter economic collapse is inevitable from the spoliation of the Depression. In that event only I propose a bank-credit, bank-check currency for the American people as opposed to the excesses of currency inflation and a wholesome consideration of the principles of Commonwealth economics instead of the present Jewish practices of a currency ruinously controlled by the agents of the Jewish world moneybund, as expounded in my book "NO MORE HUNGER."

I PROPOSE strictly Gentile Boards of Inquiry to sit in every federal district and pass on all titles to private property wrested from former thrifty owners by deliberately engineered high taxes, arranging for the return of such properties where homestead rights are involved to those original owners without further payments of moneys.

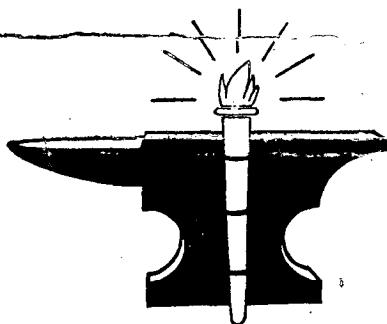
I PROPOSE the sternest of inquiries into the causes and promotion of the 1929 Depression and the public exposure, and punishment wherever possible, of any individuals regardless of race or religion who may have been instrumental in projecting it for purposes of private or racial gain.

This is The Christian Platform in its shortest form. The Fighting Christians will not be hoodwinked by cries of "un-Americanism" or "Fascism" on the part of a foreign element that interprets "Americanism" as license to penetrate all Christian political, economic, and cultural institutions and work impoverishment and ruin unchecked and uncensored.

Do not be deceived, American Citizens! The campaign of 1936 is to be fought out strictly along the lines of race and religion. Will you vote and work for atheistic oriental interests, or will you join with an awakening United States and deliver this country from the shackles of a tightening Soviet insolence? THE CHRISTIAN PARTY is meeting this racial and religious issue head-on, without gloves, or sentimental subterfuge. PELLEY STANDS FOR A REVITALIZED AMERICANISM THAT PERPETUATES THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF THE FOREFATHERS WITHOUT RECOURSE TO THE MONOPOLIES OF THE JEWISH DOMINATED POLITICAL GANG! A vote for Pelley means a vote against the Gentile fronts for Judah!

**"Down with the Reds! Out with the Jews!"**

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# What Minneapolis is Suffering

## Will Soon Be Nation-wide!

**C**HRISTIAN businessmen of America. Take warning from Minneapolis! In Minneapolis is located the plant of The Flower City Ornamental Iron Works. Its workers were happy, prosperous, and contented. They were being paid high wages, they had plenty of work, their relations with their employers were most amicable. So they were singled out by the Jewish Reds to be brought under the control of the Communist unions. Into the plant of the Flower City Ornamental Iron Works pushed a well-organized mob of hoodlums and strong-arm men, driving the orderly and loyal workers from their places by force of violence. The plant was cleaned clean, so that it could not operate. Its manager, Walter Tetzlaff, enraged that satisfied and orderly workers could not labor as they desired, demanded a police guard for his employees coming to and from the plant. Cordons of Minneapolis police were thrown about his men in an attempt to permit them to peaceably continue their employment. As though they were the vilest of scabs engaged in strike-breaking, these police-protected employees were assaulted with brickbats. Finally came massed attack upon the plant by night. Two men were shot.

At once a howl of radical fury was unleashed upon the police. They were accused of being Cossack murderers of innocent workers struggling for their "rights." Subsequently came mysterious orders to the Minneapolis police that they were not to be allowed the protection of their firearms in coping with this "strike" situation. **They must do it barehanded!** Autopsies disclosed that the two men shot in the first riots had been killed with high-power steel-jacketed bullets, of a variety not used by any Minneapolis police officer. No matter! Mayor Latimer of Minneapolis, alleged to be Governor Olson's man in the city government, appeared to give his moral support to these strikers-who-were-not-strikers. So Walter Tetzlaff determined to continue his plant's activities by feeding and sleeping his employees on the iron-works premises. This was an insufferable maneuver, both to Mayor Latimer and Governor Olson. As mobs of Communist terrorists continued to smash windows and commit sabotage over the continuance of activities at the iron-works, these officials demanded of Tetzlaff that he submit the situation to "arbitration." But Walter Tetzlaff had nothing to arbitrate, and neither did his employees, beyond the constitutional right to conduct business in a lawful and unhampered manner. They tried to continue operations by sleeping the workmen at the plant permanently. Whereupon these mysterious Red interests revealed themselves as sufficiently powerful to launch criminal indictments against Tetzlaff "for inciting to riot," because Red mobs gathered when attempts were thus made to resume business operations.

Here is an open-and-shut case of an employer and employees who have neither part nor sympathy in the Red maneuver to control American industry, being strong-armed into submission and made to operate under Communist influence whether they desire to do so or not. Here is an instance of orderly laborers and taxpayers being refused protection by the higher-ups until they "compromise their differences" with these radical elements, and a police force going berserk with indignation that it is being made the butt of misrepresentation in the public press as the instigators of bloody violence instead of the only bulwark left to suppress it. What is behind it all?

What the citizens of Minneapolis are not aware of as yet is, that this Communist control goes higher than Mayor Latimer and Governor Olson; and is traceable right up through our whole federal government to a great group of powerful Jews surrounding the President of the United States, and that out of 75 key men surrounding Franklin Roosevelt, 52 of them are Jews who have gone on record at sometime or other as favoring the abolition of Constitutional government and the substitution of the soviet form of officialdom for our nation, **which means the real government of our country coming not from Washington but from Moscow!**

What the people of Minnesota are ignorant of at the present time is the stark realization that in ~~treating with this reign of terror in Minneapolis as it is shaping up before their eyes, they are not~~ treating with the Communist question, **they are treating with the Jewish Problem!** Everywhere it is Jews who are leading and backing these mobs of terrorists. Communism and international Jewry are one and the same thing. This fact is everywhere recognized by reliable investigators who have probed into the matter beneath the surface. It is Jewish money that is sponsoring and promoting these unhallowed activities against orderly American industry. An imported Red Jew by the name of Steiner deliberately promoted the Minneapolis sabotage. The leaders of the Minneapolis terrorists are Jews. Governor Olson, raised in the Minneapolis Yiddish quarter and speaking Yiddish himself, was put in office by Jewish influence operating behind the scenes. Christian tradesmen of Minneapolis are estimating that nearly 3,000 strange Jews have come into their city within the past two years and are everywhere working for the bankruptcy and ruin of Christian business interests.

Remember it was James W. Gerard, ex-ambassador to Germany, who declared at a great mass meeting of Jews in East Orange, N. J., "I am sounding a warning to you, that when the great rank and file of the American people finally come to realize that Communism and Jewry are synonymous, the United States is going to be treated to a series of pogroms besides which those of the late Tzar in Russia are going to appear as mere village carousals."

"Everywhere you look, you see a Jew!" is becoming the universal complaint of Gentile businessmen from coast to coast. The Hitler persecutions in Germany have been cleverly capitalized upon to bring millions of German and Russian Jews into the United States to augment Jewish numbers here in anticipation of exactly the disorders that are upsetting Minneapolis.

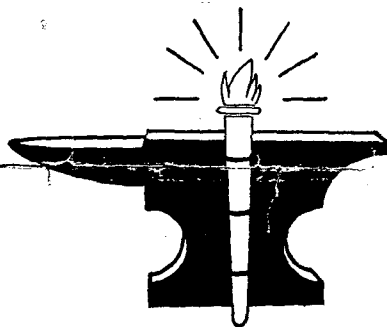
~~It is the silliest nonsense to think that the disorders in Minnesota can be stopped by temporary local action. Only the smashing of the Jewish clutch on all American officialdom from the Federal bureaucracy down, can bring the American people efficient and permanent relief. This is a national question which the citizens of our various States are confronting. With 52 powerful Jews about him, all working subtly to slaughter the nation's livestock, delay real relief, make Constitutionalism appear~~

ineffective, and hoodwink the masses through a Jewish controlled press, screen, and radio, even President Roosevelt cannot act without acquiescing to the dictates of this super-powerful clique plotting the ruin of thousands of Christians similar to Tetzlaff.

**What is happening in Minneapolis is only a foretaste of what is scheduled for our Christian business elements all over the nation!** With secret Jewish pressure working everywhere behind the scenes of ensconced officialdom, city, state, and national, it is only a question of time before the turmoil of Russia, Austria-Hungary, and pre-Hitler Germany is reenacted here on American soil.

Only The Christian Party, dauntlessly led by Pelley of The Silver Legion—whom for three years the Jews of the nation have been hysterically trying to destroy or lock away in prison—can grapple with this appalling power and smash it to stay smashed. The Jewish Reds have openly bragged that nothing can stop them from flying the Hammer and Sickle over the White House. They are using their radio in nation-wide hookups to vilify and defame Pelley from coast to coast. He is the one man they fear with a colossal fear. Sooner or later the Minnesotans are going to have proved before their eyes that the Jews of the world are out to destroy and take over the American government. Only a strong Christian Party in Minnesota can save the Minneapolis situation and drive the radical Olsonites from power. **How long will the Christian businessmen of the nation continue to slumber and yawn, with the Flower City Ironworks affair a fraught warning of what is on the verge of national consummation?**

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# Did the Jews Kill Huey Long?

**C**HRISTIANS of America, wake up! You have had an assassination committed before your eyes that merits your profoundest attention. On Sunday evening, the 8th day of September, Senator Huey Long, self-styled Kingfish of Louisiana, was slain by the bullet of an assassin as he stepped from the legislative hall of his native State. The man who did the slaying had the name of Weiss. Already the circumstances surrounding the Senator's murder were such as to spread a rumor like wildfire over all the nation that Huey Long was felled as the result of a well-defined and executed plot. But the motives and personnel of the plotters is everywhere being hushed up or whitewashed.

## Why?

First of all, regardless of his dictatorial tactics in his native State, Huey Long was the outstanding opponent of the alien clique in Washington in its aggressive operations to use the Federal governmental machinery to sovietize the United States. He had opposed the President in his radical-tinged schemes to hand America over to a great hierarchy of German and Russian Jews who have been gaining entrance to this country by millions since the War. He had filibustered the Senate Bill to further load ruinous expenditures upon the American people in the name of Planned Economy and Old Age pensions.

Young Charles Weiss, who did the murdering, could have had no personal motive strong enough to warrant the deed as the culmination of indignities in his own twisted brain. He stepped out from behind a pillar and "let Long have it." At once he was mowed down by the bullets of the Senator's bodyguard. He fell on his face and was allowed to remain thus for the first hour after death. Then the body was whisked away and buried within twenty-four hours, with scarcely any identification beyond that of his alleged intimate family. This surprisingly untimely burial was conducted out of the Catholic Church, thus giving the subconscious impression to the nation that a Catholic was the assassin. But was Weiss a Catholic? If so, how came it that this great Christian church violated all its customary practices and tenets in this "putting Weiss under" with such celerity and despatch? It is the custom in the Catholic Church for the body of a person who is dead to be held for at least three days before the funeral takes place. In most cases a wake is the first procedure. Then masses are arranged for the repose of that Catholic soul. Was any such procedure followed in the case of Charles Weiss?

Weiss is known to be a Jewish name. The most artless perusal of the assassin's features as printed in the press of the country displays a

"Ve got that blankity-blank Long!"

Is it not strange that a common deliverer of butter and eggs should give himself to such bragging in a city a thousand miles removed from the place of the assassination within a space of twelve hours of the crime? Had he knowledge in advance that the crime was to occur? If so, how did he get it? Why should a Jew thus endanger himself by exclaiming such assertions in a public place, unless insolence and stupidity kept him from containing himself?

Huey Long was not notably an anti-Semitic. But Huey Long had built himself a dictatorship in Louisiana that could be a first-class Jewish front for an extension of such dictatorship over the entire United States. In other words, the Louisiana Kingfish had constructed a machinery that was eminently despotic in its practical workings on constitutional government. He was attaining to a place where he was extending that dictatorship potentially over dozens of southern States and gaining to a personal power that could well become cataclysmic to radical ends and aims.

If Huey was removed at exactly this status in his affairs, and a group of Jews could ascend into his place, they would have handed to them on a silver platter a perfectly functioning dictatorship over an extensive territory of unsuspecting Gentiles. Expediency would command it before Huey became so big and powerful that he could even flout the Jews behind the national Administration.

Now witness the subsequent reports emanating out of Baton Rouge. In order to hold the Long machine together on all fronts, it is reported that a gentleman none other than Seymour Weiss, current treasurer of the Long organization, is stepping into the Kingfish's shoes. This Seymour Weiss is not an Irishman, not a Swede, not a Spaniard. Pelley of The Christian Party has long since discussed Seymour Weiss' activities with Christian attaches of the American State Department at Washington, particularly in regard to decidedly un-American maneuverings in Mexico and Central America. These men were unhesitating in their labeling of Seymour Weiss as a Jew—whose power even at that time was so great that when an investigating committee from the U. S. Senate came down to New Orleans to probe the New Orleans Dock scandal, they were ordered to go back to Washington and mind their own business. And they went. And nothing was done about it!

It is this Seymour Weiss, whose dossier in the American State Department prior to the advent of the Franklins was so fat that it

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Pelley of The Christian Party again and again has been sent warnings by his friends that the Jews of the nation have formed a secret organization known as The Shrevrons or Night Riders, whose purpose it is to "remove" every anti-Semitic leader as a warning of the invincibility of Judah and the folly of attempting to stand out against the progressive plans of the Jews internationally. It is well-known that in Europe among the Jewish terrorist organizations, straws are drawn to determine who is to be the murderer of some person standing in the way of radical designs. If the one who draws the shortest straw refuses to go through with the deed that has thus befallen him to perpetrate, he knows that flight is useless; he will be killed in turn by his own "comrades" . . .

Why should we not have the fullest publicity regarding the murder of Long, no matter what the motive? The enlightened among the nation's espionage forces have by no means been surprised by the sudden prominence of Seymour Weiss in

the Louisiana situation following Huey's untimely demise. The burial of a man, obviously with a recognized Jewish name, from a Catholic church, within twenty-four hours of the crime, of itself commands a maximum of ecclesiastical explanation. Dour things seem to be moving behind all battlefronts in this oncoming struggle between Gentile and Jew. By no means was missed the significance of the line in Huey's funeral oration, preached by the volatile Gerald K. Smith, "He (Long) had no racial or religious prejudices" . . . why was it thought necessary by the redoubtable Smith to interject such an un-called-for allusion into the funeral sermon of the dead political potentate?

Christians of America! Look well into the deaths of all public men that seem to occur from "political disgruntlements" in the coming fifteen months! And in the case of the ill-fated Long, do not be shocked by the dramatic query: "Was it really Charles A. Weiss who was hustled out of sight beneath the ground so accommodatingly on September 9th, or is Charles A. Weiss walking around alive and well today, neatly taken care of for his 'role' in the crime?"



# Pelley and the Jews

I LOOK upon the Jews as an oriental, effeminate, and parasitical people, attested by the history of 5,000 years to have debauched and despoiled every country that has been so stupid or so ignorant as to offer them sanctuary. They are neither creators nor executives. They are intellectual copyists and economic termites, utterly lacking in either moral or physical courage, disdaining and disparaging all those valiant spiritual traits that constitutionally distinguish whiter western peoples, and shamelessly plagiarizing or thieving every ethical or artistic attribute which they accredit to themselves as thereby proclaiming their racial "greatness" . . .

Back over the ages, in the cities of the Egyptians, the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans, the Spaniards, and the English, they have consistently indulged in immoral and seditious practices that have first earned them the contempt, then the hatred, finally the mortal enmity of their hosts, neighbors, and fellow citizens, causing ruler after ruler to rise up periodically and put vast hordes of them to death.

To protect and preserve themselves in more modern times, they have cunningly but not cleverly worked out a program of propaganda to whitewash and excuse their so-called culture which consists mainly of an adroit substitution of race for religion, and religion for race, as suits the expediency of the moment. If they are carrying on their degenerate activities in lands where religion is of no moment to their neighbors, they agitate their racial solidarity as their claim to exemption from entering into the social responsibilities of their neighbors. If they happen to be dwelling in a country of spiritual enlightenment, like the United States of America, they sink their racial megalomania completely and identify themselves strictly as religionists. Thus if they be castigated for their ethical or economic malpractices, they wail that such criticism is religious persecution. To this vile philosophy they get everyone to subscribe but themselves. To themselves, in their own untranslated literature, they are first and foremost a political nation. Very little mention is made of their religion as an identification among their own speakers and writers, outside of their legalistic rabbinate.

They consider themselves a people set apart by God Almighty to become as a "scourge" to other nations, and they exult in this distinction. It assumes the form of a divine brevet blasphemously to prey upon peoples more spiritually advanced, to trick them of their goods, debauch them in their morals, ruin them in their trade and commerce, and ascend to places of executive command over them politically regardless of their own countenance that has every lineal indication of being strongly Semitic. But circumstances surrounding this erasure of Senator Long go far deeper than the assassin's name or cast of countenance.

The Monday morning following the killing of Senator Long, Pelley of The Christian Party arrived in a certain Ohio city where a meeting with his keymen had been arranged. Already he found a strange story afloat throughout the business district of that city. A Jewish deliveryman for a chain-store system had dropped into a local restaurant on his rounds to deliver eggs. He was overheard by Christian Party bystanders to exalt to the proprietor of the restaurant, "Vell, ve got that ——— Long. Now next ve get it that ——— Hitler, same way!"

dition, himself to be acclaimed by all other peoples as the earth's aristocrat. To this end he uses the power of portable wealth in all countries on earth to seduce and overthrow orderly representative government and substitute his ideas of oriental patriarchy in its stead.

There is but one way to treat with the Jew. That is to consider him as the earth's political and economic pariah, and deprive him of the means to work his ethical and moral havoc. This should be done by an aroused public sentiment among other peoples, recognizing the Jew for the national which he unceasingly proclaims himself. If the Jews are people of a "nation," as no less an authority than the Jewish Justice Louis Brandeis of the United States Supreme Court declares them, then they cannot be entrusted with citizenship in the lands into which they come. **This should mean that they have no access to the elective franchise, even when they are born on the soil of that country.**

I maintain that in the United States of America, in all sensible Christian tolerance, the Jew should be stopped from committing further mischief, either to himself or to his Christian neighbors, by first being denied and deprived of the right to vote or hold public office in any instance. He may worship God in any manner that he pleases and he should not be molested in the exercise of his peculiar religious views. But in the political sense, owning first allegiance to Judah, he should thenceforth be treated always as the unnaturalized foreigner. He cannot be trusted to maintain allegiance to any land of his adoption.

I maintain that to smash his present economic stranglehold on the Aryan peoples of the western world, a public census must first be taken of all the Jews at the present moment living in the United States by first requiring every Jew to register his true name and nationality with the Federal authorities, together with the date and manner of his entrance into this country. Every Jew who has come into the United States within the past thirteen years, since the immigration law quotas were adopted, without having conformed to those immigration quotas, shall be summarily deported, no matter whether he has taken out citizenship papers or not.

The exact number of Hebrews thenceforth entitled to reside in this country shall thus be determined, and no Jew be allowed to engage in any banking or manufacturing business, any profession or retail enterprise, any art or entertainment project of any nature, without first applying to the Aryan authorities for a license so to do. In no case shall such a license be issued if it

The question naturally presents itself: how wise in the manipulations of Judah in the Western Hemisphere, was Huey "allowed" or "aided" to go ahead and build his ten-cent dictatorship in the State of Louisiana, in reality nothing but the customary "Gentile front" for a group that in their own time and way could have him removed seemingly as the result of some "patriotic" mania, the assassin kept from Gentile reprisals by interment out of the Catholic church, and then a tight group of nationally powerful Jews stepping into the control of the machinery which he had so cleverly constructed and augmenting that much further and tighter the control of Christian America by world-maneuvering Jewry? Again, how did that Jewish butter-and-egg man in a northern Ohio city come to his bragging so

only once in history and then for a brief period of forty years has the Jew even been able to govern himself even under the form of a most despotic monarchy.

In government the Jew is a patriarchist. That is to say, the only government that he recognizes as true government is obedience to the oldest or most cunning individual in his clan and rendering him unquestioning subservience, usually in reaction to the most barbarous personal penalties for non-compliance. Representative government among self-directing human beings of a higher ethical order, he considers to be nothing less than anarchy. As a result of his blasphemous spiritual and religious tradition, he considers that the Almighty is going to give over all the other races on earth to his political and economic juris-

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centage in the population.

The time has come when Americans must conquer this silly sentimentality about race prejudice, religious persecution, and racial intolerance, and recognize the Jew for what he is: the despoiler of art and morals, commerce and finance, amusement and literature. He must be severely licensed to operate in this Christian country, and only when his peculiar activities are rigorously controlled. Break the back of the Jew racially and economically, and you forever put an end to all forms of political sedition, Communism, overthrow of orderly government, debauchment of youth; and perversion of public morals. Americans may drule about this being un-American,

but its alternative is coming to mean the complete ruin of a country that up to 1929 was the most cultured and advanced nation on the face of the earth. The average citizen may not concur in this drastic stigmatism now, but he will be forced to concur in it before the present generation is run.

The Jew wails that all such sentiments are Fascism and Naziism. He is able to do this because of the widespread propaganda campaign he has waged on the purging of Germany of this same element by Adolf Hitler. But since this depression started—also by the manipulations of Jews in high places to advance their political and economic interests—a great sentiment is being built up in the United States. "What this country needs is a Hitler on this side of the water also." The Jews have long since ceased hoodwinking intelligent Americans on the Fascist bugaboo.

I say with Adolf Hitler that Jewish intellectualism is criminal imbecility that belongs either in prison or in the lunatic asylum. I say to tens of millions of my impoverished and suffering fel-

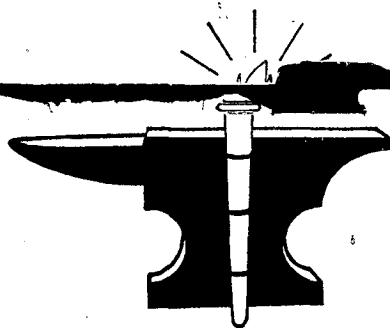
low citizens, that I propose the same purge of this megalomaniacal element in the United States between 1936 and 1940 that Germany has enjoyed under the peculiar but courageous Hitler. **I say that I propose to bring about this purge!** Millions of my fellow citizens may not see the necessity for these drastic maneuvers as yet. But time and the antics of great numbers of newly-arriving Jews are in my favor.

I shall defranchise the Jews, register them, deport those illegally in the United States, and license the balance to do business only in quotas of their representation in the whole body politic made up of citizens of all races. Then, and then only, shall the United States have the opportunity to "come back" economically and culturally. When the average voter shall have had enough of Jewish overlordship and suffering, then he will become my avid supporter.

Until that moment, I can afford to wait.

The Jew himself, day unto day, is preparing the way for the program I have uttered . . .

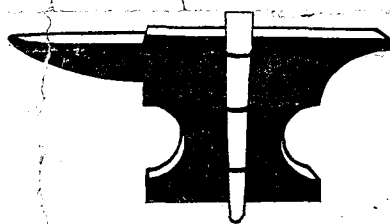
WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY



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TO ALL PATRIOTIC CHRISTIANS IN OHIO:

The moment has come for all patriotic Christian elements throughout the United States to unite in a common understanding of the true and accurate causes for our beloved country's woes. Month by month and week by week, over the past three years, the radical forces seeking to undermine and alter our form of free constitutional government have been assiduously working from the top of our federal administration down to the lowest communist cell, to create political and economic conditions whereby our impoverished people must abandon their unalienable rights and relinquish the nation to a great horde of avowed rascals and face an era of further suffering unparalleled in our history.

Three years ago I projected the Silver Legion throughout the land, to successfully combat the encroachments of these foreigners. Because everywhere throughout America great numbers of patriotic Christian people rallied to my standard, and the Silver Legion Movement bade fair to become invincible, the powers of the federal Congress were invoked to illegally restrain me. At the same time the subsidized press of the forty-eight states got its attack on us as a job of vile additionists seeking the overthrow of our government by force.

There has been but one way to answer this charge of sedition: That was to lead through the nation a bonafide political party that should make known to all men the charges of attempted violence were as false as the despoilers of America who made them. August 15th I sent forth announcements of such a party..

The response has been as instantaneous and gratifying as the original program. The Silver Legion. Immediately I had declared my intention of heading up THE CHRISTIAN throughout the United States, I set forth on a 20,000 mile tour of the country, from which I just returned. Everywhere I found loyal and un intimidated groups waiting to receive me and pledge the full measure of their support to this lawful political gesture to save our country from the fate that has been prepared for it. RECORDED & INDEXED 61-7587-1

From New York City to Seattle, from Minneapolis to Texas, crowds of patriotic workers have gone into action. Thousands of petitions are at present being signed, to the Christian Party of representation on the ballots of the various states in 1936. Now in Ohio with full preparations under way to make your State one of the outstanding units in the nation-wide Christian Party structure.

I am ignoring all the past defamations, all the scurrilous attacks on my own person, that our Ohio people are at last coming to see where birthed in naught but personal rancor the forces of subversion and disintegration that have sought unsuccessfully to defeat and overthrow us over the past twenty months, and am asking all good Ohioans who love their country and free Christian institutions to rally behind me and the roster of splendid men who are willing to stake their all on our ultimate success, and make the heroic gesture of casting from Ohio the terrible radical elements that under the guise of economic relief agencies are threatening the State and this nation with communistic ruin..

In order that the work of organizing Ohio for the Christian Party may proceed with speed, I have this day appointed SPENCER J. GARWICK of Youngstown as Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Party in the State of Ohio, and have engaged him to travel to all parts of the State, contacting personally all those loyal and undefected Christian patriots who showered me so graciously with their support in what I have tried to do in months past, in organizing them officially in their volunteer labors as to what they can do TO ELECT AN ENTIRE CHRISTIAN TICKET IN OHIO IN THE ELECTIONS OF 1936...

Mr. Garwick is not unknown to you. Formerly a prominent architect of Youngstown, he has arranged to give his entire time and energies to the promotional work of the Christian Party. He was formerly active in the Silver Legion and the League for Christian Democracy in Ohio. With State Headquarters for the Party established at 100 Raven Ave., Youngstown, he will visit every county in the State and appoint his local workers for the securing of the 350,000 signatures required by the Ohio law to put our Party emblem upon the 1936 ballot. From now forward he will be available as a speaker at your State functions, or ready to act in any capacity that shall augment the principles and purposes of the Party throughout Ohio..

Associated with Chairman Garwick as Treasurer of the Pre-Primary Executive Committee is JESSE B. KLING, also of Youngstown, a professional accountant, who will hereafter receive contributions to the work and growth of the Party within the State and render an accurate and complete accounting of the same to both the State officials as required by law, and the members of the Party in Indiana..

Nov. 12, 1935.

TO ALL PATRIOTIC CHRISTIANS IN OHIO:

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You will be delighted to know that the Party have been definitely established in Indianapolis, Ind. We who are in Ohio are more fortunate than those in the other states in that Indianapolis is so close to our own border and so easily accessible to us.

I wish that each of you could have the privilege of intimate contact with the Chief, such as has been mine during the past week in particular. He has just returned from a 12 week tour of the country and his findings from every nook and cranny would stan you and your first reaction would be to wrathful action. I hope that it shall be my good fortune to bring you the story as he related it to me. Truly, we Christians have a tremendous work to do!

WE MUST AWAKEN AMERICA! We must unify every patriotic Christian to a crusade! This Crusade must be carefully planned and executed in order to sustain and retain Christian principles and institutions. To this end headquarters for the State of Ohio have been established at 100 East Bayan Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, and the many good reasons for doing this will be communicated to you when we...(?)

The first thing we must do in Ohio is to unify our membership. In most cases, up to now, you have been carrying on alone, and waiting for the time when the call would be sounded and each individual could unite himself with a group and each group an int..(?) part of the whole. So just as soon as possible I will meet with you personally, outlining the plan for action, and to bring you word directly from the Chief.

I will advise you of my coming as far in advance as possible and good judgment sees. But in the meantime I wish that you would communicate with headquarters and be advised of incidents and happenings that we can use for campaign and propaganda purposes. Newspaper clippings and reports that can be easily verified will be particularly useful.

The State Committee is in the process of formation and our complete Party set-up depends upon you, and the membership of this Committee will be selected to be those who have suffered and endured and who are willing to serve the cause of humanity without asking anything in return. It is the privilege to live in Peace and Security for ourselves and children forever. Is this too much; or too little? Our Revolutionary Fathers asked only this much and fought to the death for it. Can we do less and be satisfied? *William D. Noble, Rell*

You will also be interested in the financial set-up of the Christian Party. All contributions should be sent to State Headquarters for Jesse B. Kling, Treasurer. He, in turn, will remit not less than twenty-five per cent to National Headquarters after making all deductions in keeping with the election laws of the State, governing political parties. Movements of those in National and State Headquarters to carry on the fight for Christian principles will be circumscribed and limited only by financial resources. Remember always that the fight is for Christian America and for the lives and property of every man, woman, and child, regardless of race, creed, or color, to the end that we live in abiding peace, harmony, and love. So be as generous as you can to help get this initial "push" under way.

You have waited long, endured much, and remained steadfast and patient until the call to ACTION came. Here it is! We give you ACTION-HEAPED UP-CHAINED DOWN-RUNNING OVER. WE ARE ON OUR WAY. May the LORD and BROTHER WHOM we serve lead us in HIS WAY.

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SPENCER J. Terwick

STATE CHAIRMAN.

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I am hereby making an official endorsement of these men, announcing to all supporters or endorsers of our past work in Ohio that upon this date I am calling in and cancelling previous credentials issued to other persons within the state, and earnestly appealing the united Christian elements in Ohio to look to these men as their local leaders until primaries shall have determined the permanent officials of the Ohio Committee for the election of our strictly Christian candidates in November, 1936.

I and my national associates have been in long and detailed conference with Mr. Warwick and Mr. Kling and they understand minutely how to operate to mesh the activities of our Ohio men and women with the work of The Christian Party in 47 other States of the Union. We already have a tremendous momentum generated across this Nation, composed of elements that viewed with hot indignation the usurpation of the powers of the federal congress in 1934 in an attempt to crush out of existence any challenge to the bureaucratic insolence the Muscovats epitomized in the activities of a handful of radical Jews under Rickstein. The entire Pacific Coast is now being organized for the Christian Party under capable leadership and the eagerness with which our Christian elements are placing their names on our petition indicates the trend of the nation away from radical Muscovite control..

There are 88 counties in the State of Ohio, every last one of which must have its tightly knit Christian Party County Committee under an earnest and competent Chairman. It is fast and humanly contrivable all those of you who have the good of our American nation at heart voluntarily in touch with Mr. Warwick, offer him your services, and support him and his petition committee with your efforts and your money? There is already an efficient and loyal group surrounding Chairman Warwick and State Treasurer Kling, drawn from Youngstown and Cleveland. There are likewise potential committees already in existence for local county and city work comprised of former members of the Silver Legion posts and units of the League for Christian Democracy. Chairman Warwick is at all times in touch with me, either personally or by telephone, and insofar as the party work is concerned, I am asking each and all of you to look to your State Headquarters in Youngstown for direction and campaign literature instead of former Silver Legion headquarters in Asheville. Personally I can no longer confine my activities to Asheville. It is necessary for me to either direct National Headquarters in Indiana or travel about the nation advising personally with other State Chairmen similar to Mr. Warwick. Asheville will be maintained merely as a publishing center for Pelley Publications and the various Scripts incident to The League for Liberation work.

Let us combine together therefore, for a tightly-knit, invincible organization in the state of Ohio, under a State leader who has proven himself for his loyalty, stamina, and character, during the hectic months that this patriotic Christian movement has been commending itself to the support of the nation..

FATHERLY YOURS

CHIEF PELLEY

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Chief of Police H. D. Harper, Colorado Springs, Colorado, has forwarded to me the enclosed article, entitled, "Anti-Jew Feeling is Ominous", which was taken from the July 29, 1936, issue of Pelley's Weekly, which is a weekly publication with home offices at Asheville, North Carolina.

It was Chief Harper's view that such articles as this are extremely dangerous and should be brought to the attention of the Bureau. I am therefore submitting this article to the Bureau for whatever attention same deserves.

Very truly yours,

R. D. BROWN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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PELLEY'S WEEKLY  
Asheville, N.C.  
Robert Summerville, Editor

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**ANTI-JEW FEELING  
IS OMINOUS**

The extent to which the Jews of the nation, and particularly those in the last Congress, have insanely promoted race hatred against themselves by their strong-arm tactics, has been demonstrated again and again in the vociferous applause which greets any fragment of The Chief's remarks that can in any way be taken as a challenge to their activities.

The slightest reference by Christian Party or Silvershirt speakers to open antagonism to Judah's present tactics is sufficient to start a volcanic applause that has often taken moments to subside.

Willard Kemp's discussion tonight of the possibility of a pogrom, or "open season on Jews" manufactured by the Jews themselves because of their undesirable presences and activities in the federal administration, brought such an explosive ovation that feet as well as hands were employed to increase the tumult. Kemp had been courageous enough to refer to the oft-repeated Jewish claim regarding an American pogrom that "it couldn't happen here" . . .

Evidently from the manner in which large sections of Americans feel about it, as exhibited by their noisy approbation whenever the subject is publically mentioned, there is every indication that it CAN happen here, and if Christian feelings are aggravated much further by the antics of the pro-Communist Jewish minority in this country, it may happen here.

"I have but one criticism to  
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make of Adolf Hitler," declared Kemp in introducing Chief Pelley to tonight's audience. "In cleaning the Jews out of Germany, he sent too many of them over here to us."

The applause to this capricious statement of Kemp's unleashed a new round of applause, and it was many minutes before he could continue.

Pelley, in his address The Silver Challenge, declared: "These oriental peoples have challenged us in our spiritual and religious lives. They have presumed to dictate to us whether or not we shall have Christianity openly proclaimed in a nation predominantly Christian. They have challenged us in our academic lives, and have forced our children in the public schools to harken to their communistic doctrines. They have challenged us in our economic lives, unleashing a great depression upon us, to the end and aim that we might be reduced to the servitude of hired men upon our own lands in this generation. They have challenged us in our political lives, and have presumed to tell us that the only candidates in the political field shall be those who shall do the bidding of Judah. Their presences amongst us have been one long challenge. Good! . . . That challenge we ACCEPT!"

In proof that the minions behind Pelley approved of this attitude, a volcano of applause followed that could be heard for two blocks in midnight Los Angeles.

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September 22, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,  
Denver, Colorado.

RE: SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 5, 1936, in which mention is made of the article entitled, "Anti-Jew Feeling is Ominous", which appeared in the July 29, 1936, issue of Pelley's Weekly.

Please be informed that matters of this nature are being received by the Bureau currently. You are instructed that upon the receipt of any information of a similar nature, it should be forwarded to the Bureau without delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
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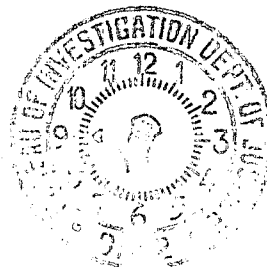
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Denver Bureau Office letter, dated August 4, 1936, in which I made reference to an article entitled, "Anti-Jew Feeling is Ominous", which was taken from the July 29, 1936, issue of "Pelley's Weekly", a publication with home offices at Asheville, North Carolina. This article was forwarded to the Bureau at the suggestion of Chief of Police Hugh D. Harper, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mr. Harper was of the opinion that this article was grossly un-American and referred to Nazi organizations in this country.

Special Agent A. R. Gere of this office had occasion to interview Chief Harper at Colorado Springs on August 30, 1936, at which time Mr. Harper informed him he had recently interviewed one Fred Hofer, agent and distributor of Pelley's Weekly at Colorado Springs; that Fred Hofer informed Chief Harper that an organization known as the "Silver Shirts" plan to take over the Government on September 16, 1936 and that he had already received his orders as to the part he is supposed to take on that date. However, he would not state as to where and as to whom he had received his "orders".

Chief Harper informed he would attempt to obtain further information from Fred Hofer, however, it is the opinion of Special Agent Gere that Fred Hofer is mentally unbalanced to a certain extent.

This information is being furnished the Bureau only for the purpose of determining if other complaints of this character have been received at the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

R. D. BROWN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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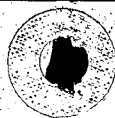
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Re: ACTIVITIES IN THE NAZIST -  
Program of William Dudley  
Pelley; The Christian Party;  
the Silver Shirts and the  
Silver Legion.

Pelley's Weekly for August 19, 1938, discloses Pelley's program,  
which is quoted herewith as follows:

**"WHAT THE CHRISTIAN PARTY AND SILVERSHIRTS WOULD  
DO TO BUILD THE NATION."**

(Pelley's Program)

First, Create one great nation-wide Corporation to receive and  
handle the economic production of the United States for at least  
a 17-year period between 1938 and 1953, the Common Stock and  
directing power in this Corporation to be held and voted by  
native-born or naturalized citizens of the United States, women  
as well as men, on a basis of one Common Share to each voting  
citizen, each share paying a Federal Guaranteed Dividend of \$85  
per month or \$1,020 per year as perpetual Hunger Insurance.

Second, Use the Preferred Stock of this Great Corporation to  
liquidate America's present bonded debt, recompense all security  
owners of public or private business for any losses entailed in  
amalgamating the operations of the said businesses into the  
activities of the said Great Corporation, and reward private  
citizens year by year for individualistic industry, talent, thrift  
or outstanding public service . .

Third, Instruct American business to resume full-time operations  
as of October 1st, 1938, calling back to work and re-employing the  
17 million workless and money-less adults whose support by the  
present debt system or bureaucratic bureaucracy at Washington repre-  
sents an annual financial wound not bleeding Uncle Sam white . .

Fourth, Arrange that The Great Corporation take the full-time  
product of such revitalized and resumed industry at the 1928 rate  
of prices and wages for a five-year period, after which restoration  
of economic resources such readjustments will be made as are shown  
to be commensurate with the whole public welfare.

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Fifth, Arrange that a Federal Bank Account is opened in one Federal Bank in each district of the whole United States for each man and woman, either married or single, who holds a share of Common Stock, or any allotment of Preferred Stock, in the Great Corporation, bank credits being placed to such accounts subject to customary checks for payments of wages, salaries, fees, or dividends, due to the nation's present inadequate supply of currency to handle its full-time transactions ..

Sixth, With the whole nation turned back into a productive enterprise for a five to seventeen year period, the universal industry financed by an ever-lasting structure of Revolving Credit that cannot be disrupted by secretly-manipulated money politics, the problem of the non-responsible alien, improvident Negro and predatory Jew will be solved by turning them 'wards of the Republic' exactly as the North American Indian is now of the Republic at present, under a Gentile 'Secretary of Jews and Aliens' in the Presidential Cabinet ..

Seventh, Appoint one city in each State as a 'Heb-Hevran' or City of the Jews, in which Hebrews are required to reside and outside of which they cannot hold property or be guaranteed personal safety by law .. a city in which they may dwell in richness or poverty as their assets dictate, where they may worship God or treat with one another after the Jewish rituals of their conscience without the slightest Gentile interference, where they may have their own civic officers but where they shall no longer interpenetrate the Gentile public, have trade or social relations with Christians, or exert a pernicious influence on Gentile Art, Culture, or Economics ...

Eighth, Prohibit by statutory enactment any further mortgaging or foreclosing on private real estate, either farms or residential property, thus putting a man's home or farm forever beyond confiscation by banks or money-lenders, and insofar as is practically possible restoring to an impoverished citizenry such homesteads or farms as have been foreclosed upon or confiscated by great predatory moneyed interests since 1929, reimbursing present lawful holders of such property with dividend-paying Preferred Stock of The Great Corporation...

Ninth, Encouraging Trade Unions to secure the highest compensations possible for honest labor, commensurate with the public policy, but making it unlawful for any Union to either

recognize or authorize any leader who is not bonafidely recruited or elected out of Union ranks themselves, outlawing under the criminal statutes the professional agitator and industrial disturber who affects to procure his livelihood by 'concerning the interests of Labor' but who really operates in the interests of overseas Jewish Capitalism . .

Tenth, Installing at once in public-school curriculums a simplified but enlightening course in Practical Civics, accustoming the child-citizen from its first day of attendance with the sacred significance of Government, Social Justice, and the forces of the reprehensible alien or anti-social Jew, so that respect for the Constitution, The Flag, and Gentile institutions generally shall come a part of his instinctive thinking..

Eleventh, Requiring it to become an act of libel against the Public Economic Interst for any Federal administrator or its officers, or officers of The Great Corporation, or any private firm, to require abroad for consumption in the home market any consumable products which can be created out of the natural resources of the United States, or to import and sell the same in competition with products of American labor ..

Twelfth, The immediate seizing and holding in escrow of all assets of foreign nationals in the United States operating under governments who have neglected to compensate the American people for war loans or Reparations made in good faith either during or following the war, and the operating, use of, or increments from, the same, until such date as each foreign government shall have discharged its war debt obligations to the Federal Treasury or any branch of American finance in full ..

Thirteenth, The installation into Government of the Christian Ethical motif that Governments are brought into being to help, and to serve the people of the nation, to render them maximum aid consistent with the individual's self-respect in all walks of life, and that officials shall hereafter be selected for their outstanding abilities for the holding of Public Office instead of considering Public Office as a means to private profit ..

Fourteenth, Abolishing the secret ballot, which is the unhallowed offering of Economic or Financial larceny, and conducting all elections by means of the Postal system, under free frank, as in voting by mail, and in profile of efficacy in all election returns in the present filing of

Income Taxes on March 15th of each year, thus insuring honest election returns and the expressed voice of a whole people instead of the sly methods of propaganda and intimidation of the present ..

Here, in brief, is a program that reforms an entirely new way in the administration of American politics, finance, and economics.. The minute story of how it works in detail, where the money comes from to pay the dividends, how the system is kept clean of demagogues, how inner and ruinous taxes are automatically abolished, how the international Jew is emasculated from working further ruin in his own racial interests, all is set forth in the economic bible of The Christian Party, **NO MORE HUNGER** .. The Christian Party is The Silvershirts in action politically .. The Silvershirts are The Christian Party and who propose to employ unified strength if necessary to smash the Red menace throughout the United States and effect a more equitable economic order .. Polley's Fourteen Points are heroic and vigorous measures for a desperate situation, but The Silvershirts have strong men who will operate them practically!

**AGAH, IN BRIEF, IS THE CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH!**

January 3, 1939.

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

Re: Dies Committee Investigation

Your attention is directed to the investigation of un-American propaganda and activities in the United States reported in the Hearings Before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Volumes 1 and 2 of which have already been printed.

Congressman Dies has requested the State Department to make an investigation to determine whether certain organizations are agents of foreign principals required to register with the Secretary of State and whether any of such organizations by failing so to register have violated the Act of June 8, 1938 (U. S. Code, Title 22, Section 233a, et seq.). The State Department has referred the matter to this Department for appropriate action.

The following is a list of the organizations suspected of being agents of foreign principals: National Civil Liberties League, International Labor Defense, League for Peace and Democracy, Workers' International Relief, Friends of Soviet Union, North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, Friends of Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Society to Aid Spanish Democracy, American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy, International Workers' Order, American Student Union, Young Communish League, Young Pioneers of America, League for Industrial Democracy, The Kaki Shirts, The Silver Shirts, The Italian Fascists, The American Fascists, The American Aryan Folk Association, American Guard, The American League of the Friends of New Germany, and the American Nationalist Socialist Party.

A cursory examination of the Hearings before the Dies Committee discloses sufficient cause to believe that at least one or more of these organizations and the individuals connected with them have violated the laws of the United States. For instance, the testimony of Edwin P. Banta on pages 993, 994, 999, 1000, 1004, and 1009, of Volume 2 of the Hearings indicates the possibility of a conspiracy to restrict employment on the Federal Writers' Project only to persons who are members of the Workers' Alliance (R. 1009). "This division of the Workers' Alliance is the unemployed division of the Workers' Alliance." Banta's testimony also indicates the diversion of public funds to persons who instead of performing work on the project conducted Communist activities in New Jersey and elsewhere (R. 992-993) and published Communist

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pamphlets and documents at public expense (R. 1000). There is much testimony in the record that indicates that the Workers' Alliance is a Communist-controlled organization.

You will, therefore, please investigate as soon as possible into the existence of a conspiracy on the part of the Communist Party or the Workers' Alliance or the personnel of the Federal Writers' Project of New York City, and any or all other individuals connected with any of these organizations, to unlawfully divert public funds to non-governmental purposes, whether Communistic or otherwise.

Since there were very few copies of the Hearings printed and because you may have difficulty in obtaining copies, I am forwarding you under separate cover photostatic copies of the pages of the record to which reference has been made for your use until you shall have obtained copies of the record from the Dies Committee or elsewhere.

BRIEN McMAHON,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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January 3, 1939.

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Re: Dies Committee Investigation

Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
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The following is a list of the organizations suspected of being agents of foreign principals: National Civil Liberties League, International Labor Defense, League for Peace and Democracy, Workers' International Relief, Friends of Soviet Union, North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, Friends of Abraham Lincoln Brigade, Society to Aid Spanish Democracy, American Society for Technical Aid to Spanish Democracy, International Workers' Order, American Student Union, Young Communish League, Young Pioneers of America, League for Industrial Democracy, The Kaki Shirts, The Silver Shirts, The Italian Fascists, The American Fascists, The American Aryan Folk Association, American Guard, The American League of the Friends of New Germany, and the American Nationalist Socialist Party.

A cursory examination of the Hearings before the Dies Committee discloses sufficient cause to believe that at least one or more of these organizations and the individuals connected with them have violated the laws of the United States. For instance, the testimony of Edwin P. Banta on pages 993, 994, 999, 1000, 1004, and 1009, of Volume 2 of the Hearings indicates the possibility of a conspiracy to restrict employment on the Federal Writers' Project only to persons who are members of the Workers' Alliance (R. 1009). "This division of the Workers' Alliance is the unemployed division of the Workers' Alliance." Banta's testimony also indicates the diversion of public funds to persons who instead of performing work on the project conducted Communist activities in New Jersey and elsewhere (R. 992-993) and published Communist

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pamphlets and documents at public expense (R. 1000). There is much testimony in the record that indicates that the Workers' Alliance is a Communist-controlled organization.

You will, therefore, please investigate as soon as possible into the existence of a conspiracy on the part of the Communist Party or the Workers' Alliance or the personnel of the Federal Writers' Project of New York City, and any or all other individuals connected with any of these organizations, to unlawfully divert public funds to non-governmental purposes, whether Communistic or otherwise.

Since there were very few copies of the Hearings printed and because you may have difficulty in obtaining copies, I am forwarding you under separate cover photostatic copies of the pages of the record to which reference has been made for your use until you shall have obtained copies of the record from the Dies Committee or elsewhere.

BRIEN McMAHON,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

I am in receipt of your memorandum of January 3, 1939, in which you direct my attention to the investigation of un-American propaganda and activities in the United States reported in the Hearings before the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, July 1 and 2. It is noted that you further state that Congressman Dies requested the State Department to make an investigation to determine whether certain organizations are agents of foreign principals required to register with the Secretary of State and whether any of such organizations failing to so register have violated the Act of June 8, 1938 (Public Law No. 22, Section 233a, et seq.). You state that a list of 22 organizations is suspected of being agents of foreign principals.

It is noted that you have requested, however, investigation only of the statements made by Edwin P. Banta as to whether there is a conspiracy on the part of the Communist Party or the Workers' Alliance or the personnel of the Federal Writers' Project of New York City, or any or all individuals connected with any of these organizations, to unlawfully divert public funds to non-governmental purposes, whether Communist or otherwise. This investigation will be initiated by the Bureau.

In view of the fact that no request has been received from you to investigate the allegations that the organizations mentioned in the third paragraph of your memorandum of January 3, 1939, are agents of foreign principals required to register with the Secretary of State, no investigative action will be taken on this phase of your memorandum of January 3, 1939.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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

Re: Dies Committee Investigation

Transmitted herewith are the photostatic copies  
of testimony referred to in my memorandum of January 2,  
1939, with reference to the above entitled matter.

BRIEN McMAHON,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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January 8, 1939

## MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

I am in receipt of your memorandum of January 6, 1939, dealing with further investigative activity desired by you of certain matters arising in the so-called "Dies Committee investigation". It is noted that in substance you desire an investigation to be made of those portions of the statements of Committee Investigator John C. Metcalfe which contain allegations made by this Investigator that Nazi groups are engaging in espionage activities, and secondly you request that an investigation be made of the membership, activity and connections of the "Silvershirts" with German Bunds. These two investigations will be initiated by the Bureau.

In order that there may be a clear understanding as to exactly what the Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating in connection with matters arising under the so-called "Dies Committee investigation", I am recapitulating the three matters under investigation:

1. The testimony of Edwin P. Banta on pages 997, 994, 999, 1000, 1004 and 1009 of Volume 2 of the Hearings of the Dies Committee, in which testimony it is alleged that there is a possibility of a conspiracy to restrict employment on the Federal Writers' Project only to persons who are members of the Workers' Alliance, the testimony also alleging that there is an indication of diversion of public funds to persons who, instead of performing work on the project, conducted Communist activities in New Jersey and elsewhere and published Communist publications at public expense;
2. An investigation of the allegations of Committee Investigator Metcalfe that Nazi groups are engaging in espionage activities within the United States.
3. An investigation of the activities, membership and connections of the "Silvershirts" with German Bunds in the United States.

Very truly yours,

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Director

January 6, 1939.

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

Re: Dies Committee Investigation

Reference is made to my memorandum to you of Jan. 3, 1939 in which I requested that you conduct certain investigations with reference to matters developed in the hearings of the Dies Committee.

On page 1115, Volume II of the reports of the hearings in this Committee a statement is made by Investigator John C. Metcalfe, as follows:

"Storm troop members revealed to this investigator that several of them are aviation mechanics and hinted that they were employed by the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, also Boeing Aircraft, one storm troop official at this post - that is in Los Angeles - Hans Diebel, stated that he was formerly employed by the Zeppelin Company in Germany, and also had worked for Zeiss.

"Adherents to the Nazi cause have also slipped into United States Navy Yards, where they have obtained employment and succeeded in securing positions which placed them in direct possession of secret plans for construction of United States Navy battleships of the latest types. They have even been assigned to trial runs of these latest types of ships."

As a part of the previous investigation requested in my memorandum, you are requested to conduct an investigation of the allegations made by Investigator Metcalfe that Nazi groups are engaging in espionage activities. Without in any way limiting the investigation or presuming to set out all of the evidence contained in the reports of the Dies Committee hearing, certain portions thereof have been noted and for your information are referred to herein for the purpose of suggesting leads

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in the conduct of this investigation.

1. The activities of Karl Neumeister, pages 1178 and 1179.
2. The activities of one Von Buelow, who is referred to on page 746 in the report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of Nazi military training camps, dated December 31, 1937.
3. The testimony of Arnold XGingrach, the editor of "Ken" magazine, beginning on page 1221 of the reports with particular reference to his statement on page 1229, that "The real inside job for the bunds is not mere propaganda and conversion to Nazi ideology, but a military organization for sabotage and espionage in the United States in the event of European War \*\*.", and the incident involving one Henry D. Allen, set out in pages 1229 and 1230.
4. The testimony of Investigator John C. Metcalfe beginning on page 2235 and extending to page 2246, with particular reference to the activities of one Charles Bruce Swift of Pittsburgh, which testimony is continued further at pages 2287 and 2288.

You will note that some of the references above involve the activities of the "Silvershirts." This organization is apparently closely connected to the German bunds, and a thorough investigation of its membership, activity and connections with German bunds is also requested. It appears that one William Dudley Pelley of Ashville, North Carolina, is the national leader of this group, and one Roy Zachary is a prominent official therein. It is, of course, desired in this entire investigation that the Act of June 8, 1938, with reference to registration of agents of foreign principals be kept in mind..

I am assuming that you have in your possession copies of the printed reports of the testimony before the Dies Committee and the published report of the Committee to Congress. In the event you do not have these documents, I shall be glad to send you photostatic copies of the references in this memorandum.

BRIEN McMAHON  
Assistant Attorney General.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

RECORD ~~OF~~ TELEPHONE CALL OR VISITOR.

Jan. 6, 1939.

Time 2:25 P.M.

Name Arthur ~~Herman~~ of the ~~Trans.~~ Radio  
Press in person

Referred to

Details:

Inquired as to the statement made by President Roosevelt that the Department of Justice was going to look into charges by the Dies Committee that the Nazis and Communists were violating Federal laws. He asked if the Bureau were looking into such matters and if the Director had any statement to make concerning same.

He was told there is no comment. cek

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James Roper of the United Press tele.

Stated that a statement by President Roosevelt stated that the Department of Justice was going to look into charges by the Dies Committee that the Nazis and Communists were violating Federal laws. He inquired if the FBI were looking into such matters and if the Director had any statement to make concerning same.

He also inquired about the report that the Director was resigning and was advised that the report was news to this office and that as far as the writer knew there was no truth to it. cek

*Handwritten signature/initials*

Time -  
7:25 p.m.

January 7, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. George Rothwell Brown called me at home and stated he had been endeavoring to contact you without success and stated his paper desired him to check on the newspaper reports indicating that the Bureau was investigating the Dies Committee report. I told Mr. Brown that you had received similar general inquiries on January 7, 1939 and you had declined to comment upon these stories, either in denying or confirming anything that had appeared.

Mr. Brown stated that he thought you might take a different attitude towards him and I told him that I was not in a position to make any statement whatsoever but that his telephone call would be brought to your attention at such time as I was in touch with you.

Respectfully,

EDWARD A. TAMM

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RECORD OF TELEPHONE CALL OR VISITOR.

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January 7, 1939

Time 7:05 PM

Name George Rothwell Brown tele

Stated he is a Washington newspaperman and well known to the Director. He asked where he might get in touch ~~with the Director immediately, he stating he supposed the~~ Director would be going to the Jackson Day Dinner tonight. He was advised that it was not known exactly where he might reach the Director at the moment, but if he would leave a message it would be called to the Director's attention when he communicated with the office.

He asked if the writer could tell him if any investigation had previously been conducted by the Bureau as to Communist activities in the United States. He stated he recalled some investigation being conducted by the Bureau some time ago along some organization lines about which there was a lot of publicity, and it was suggested that possibly he was thinking of the Nazi Bund inquiry, the results of which were submitted to the Attorney General by the Bureau. He asked if he could get any information concerning that, and he was referred to the office of Gordon Dean.

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January 9, 1939

Time: 10:31 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: Registration of Foreign Agents

I called Harmon Snoke of the United States Chamber of Commerce this morning at the request of Mr. C. A. Tolson. Mr. Snoke had previously called Mr. Tolson earlier this morning, but he was not available, and as Mr. Tolson had to leave the building, he asked me to make this call for him.

Mr. Snoke informed that he wanted to "clear up in his mind" whether the President had issued any executive order or communication to the Department of Justice on the law passed by the last Congress requiring the "Registration of Foreign Agents", in connection with Unamerican Activities, or whether Attorney General Frank Murphy made the communication to the President on the matter. Mr. Snoke stated that if it were a communication from the President to the Department of Justice authorizing investigation of foreign agents, he would quote the communication or order in a bulletin he is now preparing. Mr. Snoke suggested, however, that the President may merely have made a statement as a matter of general information as to the contents of a letter received from Frank Murphy.

I told Mr. Snoke that the only thing I had noticed concerning this matter was from the newspapers which related that the Attorney General had written to the President. I pointed out that the FBI would not, of course, have copies of the President's letter to the Attorney General, and, in fact, we had no knowledge concerning such communications. I told Mr. Snoke that I would advise Mr. Tolson of his inquiry.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH

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January 16, 1939

Mr. E. Scheidt  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
914 Johnston Building  
Charlotte, North Carolina

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Dear Sir:

The Bureau has been requested to undertake an investigation of the membership and activities of the Silver Shirt organization and to ascertain its connection with the German-American Bund.

This investigation must be handled with thoroughness and promptitude. The headquarters of the Silver Shirts is located at Asheville, North Carolina, and the organization is headed by William Dudley Pelley.

It is impossible to outline in every detail the ramifications of this investigation. It should include, however, among other things, the following information:

- Complete organizational structure.
- Leaders.
- Genesis and growth of the organization.
- Total membership.
- Various headquarters or locals or units throughout the country, with the approximate membership wherever such locals or units are established.
- Names of the leaders of the various locals or units throughout the United States.
- The Constitution and Bylaws or any other list of rules or instructions issued by the Silver Shirts.
- A statement of its purposes and aims.
- Full details with reference to any military units established by the Silver Shirts.
- The purpose of organizing such military units.
- The total membership within such military units throughout the United States.
- Available literature.
- Its program.
- Full details with reference to its association with any other organization in the United States.

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Full details with reference to its collaboration with any other organization in the United States.

Full details with reference to its connection or collaboration with any foreign organization or any representative of any foreign organization.

Full details with reference to any espionage activities of any kind undertaken by representatives of the Silver Shirts, officially or unofficially.

Ascertain whether the Silver Shirts maintain a women's organization and, if so, full details with reference thereto.

Ascertain whether the Silver Shirts maintain a youth organization and, if so, full details with reference thereto.

Obtain available information concerning the admission of aliens and types of aliens admitted into the Silver Shirt organization.

Ascertain the types of propaganda published and/or disseminated by the Silver Shirts.

Full details with reference to incorporation, if any. Show the difference between the Silver Shirts, the Silver Legion and the Christian Party.

Secure three copies of all literature obtained.

Ascertain if any oath is taken by any member of the Silver Shirt organization or subsidiary groups.

Ascertain full data with reference to the possession and quantity of firearms and ammunition.

The Charlotte and Pittsburgh offices are being furnished with photostatic copies of pages 2235 to 2246, inclusive, and 2287 and 2288 of the Hearings before the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities, Volume 3. This testimony refers to the alleged Silver Shirt activities of Charles Bruce Swift of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It is requested that the Pittsburgh office undertake a full and thorough investigation of Charles Bruce Swift and his alleged connections with the Silver Shirts.

Obviously the entire investigation of the Silver Shirt organization cannot be conducted by the Charlotte and Pittsburgh offices. The Charlotte office, being considered the office of origin, is therefore advised that it will be held responsible for setting out appropriate leads and supervising

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the case in such a manner as to insure the prompt and thorough investigation of the leads by auxiliary offices, so that the investigation of the Silver Shirt organization may be brought to a logical conclusion at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

CC - Pittsburgh (with enclosures)

April 25, 1938

MEMORANDUM

Re: SILVER SHIRTS

The "Silver Shirts of America", also called the "Silver Legion" and the "Christian Militia", is an organization founded by William Dudley Pelley in Asheville, North Carolina in 1932, and has for its objective the establishment of William Dudley Pelley as dictator of the United States. There are indications of obtaining this objective by means of a revolution. The organization is dedicated to "sterling Constitutionalism and Christian patriotism". It is apparently an anti-Semitic, anti-Communist, and anti-Roosevelt organization. While some of the phases of the program of the Silver Shirts will appear fantastic, its seriousness is reflected in the forceful means by which the organization apparently intends to achieve its objective. There are allegations and indications of assassinating President Roosevelt in their attempt to obtain their end.

It appears that William Dudley Pelley established himself in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1932, where he organized the Silver Shirts of America and founded the Calahad College for the Foundation of Christian Economics. This school was open to students for one session in the summer of 1932, and since that time Pelley has been carrying on the school courses through correspondence and by publishing a magazine called "Liberation", a publication of instruction and inspiration from sources beyond or above mortality, expounding his belief about Government propaganda against the Jews and "psychic research".

In September, 1933, Pelley established southwestern headquarters for the organization at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which later moved to Los Angeles and thence to Seattle, Washington, and since that time several newspaper chains have written articles about his activities, stating that he seeks to establish a form of Government in America similar to that of the Hitler movement in Germany. The Silver Shirts issued a booklet at Asheville, North Carolina, purporting to set forth the constitution of a new government which would be called a "Christ Government." The introduction of the constitution of the "Christ Government" reads in part as follows:

"For sixty generations it has been rumored that the great Galilean was coming back among men to institute a new social order and set up a thousand year reign of righteousness and peace. For thirty-six months the chief of the ever increasing Christian Militia, "The Silver Shirts", has been in possession of the basic outlines of the new Christ state but with his lips sealed by a higher order."

It appears that the idea outlined in the constitution of the perfect Government is to incorporate the whole of the United States. The sovereign people

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will do all the foreign trading, make all purchases abroad and carry on all manufacturing, buying and selling and working up into goods. A share of \$1,000 each will be given to every man, woman and child born in the United States, which will be good for that amount of clothing and food stuff annually in any of the great Federal emporiums to be established. The "Christ Men" who will head the National Corporation will handle all the food produced by the farmers and distribute it amongst the people.

A copy of the issue of "The Silver Legion Ranger", dated November 8, 1933, published by the Oklahoma City office of the Silver Shirts of America, stated that William Dudley Pelley was formerly a newspaper publisher from Vermont, who during the War was a "Red Triangle" man with the United States and Japanese forces in Siberia and had been an eye-witness to Russian Bolshevism; that he was formerly a fiction story writer in a number of popular story magazines and made a living writing novels while engaged in eight years of undercover investigation throughout every single state in the Union; that in 1929 Pelley cast aside his former occupation and started "The League for Liberation", its surface purpose being metaphysical research; however, under cover that it perfected a great national organization drawing people of importance from the highest walks of life, people whose names never have been published and may never become known. The article further reflects that during 1930, 1931 and 1932 Pelley appointed key men in all states of the Union and made effective contacts with influential partisan Christians in Washington, D. C.

The article further states:

"On January 31, 1933, the date that Hitler came into power in Germany, Pelley came out from under cover with his Silver Shirts national organization. Having planted depots of his "a ts throughout the entire United States, enlightened police and vigilante groups, secured the cooperation of outraged Christian citizens to carry on regardless of what happens to him, personally. His organization of Silver Shirts is now snowballing exactly as Hitler's Nazis snowballed in Germany when at last the German people were persuaded to the truth. Heads of certain Jewish organizations in America masquerading as high-principled benevolent institutions have already threatened Pelley with death, thus proving the American tie-up between Judaism and Communistic Satanism."

The article concludes with the statement:

"If you are eighteen years of age, of reasonably sound health, and not afraid to risk your life and limb for your country, you are asked to take the Oath of Consecration upon you and step out as a true Christian soldier, garbed in a shirt of silver with the great

scarlet L emblazoned on your banner and over your heart, standing for love, loyalty and liberation."

Members and officers of the Silver Shirts of America, located at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that the Silver Shirts barred no one from becoming a member and that a Catholic, Jew or negro was permitted to join as long as he paid the initiation fee of \$10.00. However, if anyone desired to join he was permitted to do so if he could not pay the initiation fee, if he believed in the principles of the organization; that the organization was mainly organized for the purpose of enrolling every honest, upright American that believed in the constitution of America, opposed Communism and wanted the laws enforced; that the organization had the support of many police officials all over the United States and was desirous of having every police official of the United States a member, and that when police departments or any official law enforcement agency was handicapped by politics it would then be the duty of the Silver Shirts of America to enforce the laws violated.

With reference to the aim and purpose of the Silver Shirts, the following was ascertained on October 10, 1936, from an individual who joined this organization for the purpose of obtaining information concerning its movements:

"My observation of them is that their main idea is that our country is dominated at the present time by the Jews, whom they claim to be Communists. They say that ninety per cent of the Jews are Communists. They feel that this set-up should be changed and the Jews segregated and limited in their privileges as citizens. It seems that this is preparing for an ultimate overthrow of our form of government, and the setting up of a form of government which they call the Christian Commonwealth, which is generally modeled after the government now maintained by Hitler in Germany. Some features of the Soviets were incorporated in this."

With regard to the strength of this movement, it was ascertained under date of April 5, 1938, that the actual membership of the Silver Shirts remains a mystic secret. At one time there were some 75,000 of them, and unofficial claims went as high as 2,000,000. But that was before, in 1934, the Congressional investigation into Nazi and related activities threatened to look into the Silver Shirts too, and before Pelley himself was indicted for fraud. There was a collapse, then, of Pelley's various activities, and he transferred his headquarters to California and thence to Seattle, Washington. It was there he made his try for the Presidency which failed amid a great silence. (In the election of 1936 he ran for President of the United States on the "Christian" Party ticket, and received a total of less than 1,000 votes). With the finances

apparently rehabilitated, he became active again a few months ago. His "Liberation," which had gone into the hands of a receiver and suspended publication, was published as a weekly instead of as a monthly. The Silver Legion became again, at least in the press, a great patriotic movement to save America.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that under date of April 14, 1935, the following information was obtained:

"'Silver Shirt' Pelley, America's blatant Fascist, is trying a come-back today. His magazine, "Liberation", announces a campaign for one million Silver Shirts. Recruiting opens today. Pelley's organization flopped during the great progressive wave of the last couple of years. He wants to come back with the help of the forces of Big Business that defeated President Roosevelt's reorganization bill."

A Congressional report reflects that Pelley founded the Silver Shirts of America with headquarters at Asheville early in 1933, the organization being patented after the Storm Troops of Germany; that Pelley, who for years had been writing on metaphysical subjects, at this time changed his prophetic writings into violent and scurrilous attacks against certain religious groups, and evidence taken by this sub-committee at Los Angeles proved many "Silver Shirts" at San Diego have been armed and that Government arms from North Island had come into their hands through nefarious methods and a target range nearby was being used for practice and maneuvers. In 1934 these various ventures, both military and publishing, were placed into bankruptcy. It appears that William Dudley Pelley was investigated under the National Bankruptcy Act, but upon completion of the investigation the United States Attorney at Asheville, North Carolina, from which point Pelley operated his organization, declined to authorize prosecution against Pelley or his partner, Robert C. Summerville. On February 15, 1935, William Dudley Pelley and his assistant, Robert C. Summerville, were both convicted in the State Court at Asheville, North Carolina, for violation of the Blue Sky Law of that State for selling stock without authorization and registration. Pelley was sentenced to serve not less than one year and not more than two years in the State Prison, at hard labor. The sentence was suspended on the following terms and conditions:

1. that he pay a fine of \$1,000 and cost of prosecution
2. that he continue on good behavior for a period of five years
3. that he neither publish nor distribute in the State of North Carolina anything having to do with stock sales transactions.

The sentence of his associate, Robert C. Summerville, was substantially the same.



It is interesting to note that a copy of Pelley's Weekly, published during January, 1936, at Asheville, North Carolina, indicates that at that time William Dudley Pelley was formin the Christian Party with himself as candidate for President of the United States and Willard R. Kemp of California as candidate for Vice President. A leaflet distributed by the organization, Bulletin 1-A, apparently published at Detroit, was headed "Christ or Chaos! - The Fate of Our Nation Depends upon the Christian Party." In the leaflet it is stated that out of seventy-five key men surrounding the President, fifty-two are Jews and at sometime or other have gone on record as favoring a Soviet alteration in the Government of the United States. The circular closes with the statement "Christians Unite! You have nothing to lose but your Jewish shackles." The publication, Pelley's Weekly, contains most rabid statements regarding the political situation and the alleged Jewish influence on the Government and business of the United States, and is described as the official organ of the Christian Party of the councils of safety throughout the United States, advocating sterling constitutionalism and Christian patriotism. As late as July, 1936, Fred Hofer, agent for and distributor of Pelley's Weekly at Colorado Springs, Colorado, told the Chief of Police there that the Silver Shirts planned to take over the Government on September 16, 1936, and he had already received his orders as to that part he was supposed to take on that date.

Speaking through the column in Pelley's Weekly, Pelley himself has indicated that his Legion will be in a position to take over the Government in the event of a Communistic outbreak. The Christian Party of Silver Shirts are avowedly anti-Communistic and anti-Semitic. It has been alleged that the avowed purpose of the organization is to kill or oppress all Jews in the United States, and to accomplish this end the organization threatens to bring about a revolution.

In this connection, it is noted that an individual who joined the Silver Shirts to obtain information concerning their movement at Asheville, North Carolina, related on October 10, 1936, as follows:

"The Silver Shirts believe that the Communists are now in secret control of the country, and that within six months after the election of Mr. Roosevelt, they will take steps to gain for open control by means of violent insurrections. At this point, the Silver Shirts wish to be highly organized so that they can step in and take control. They are making a point of being well equipped with guns and ammunition, and are especially interested in having members who are familiar with the use of firearms and have had military experience, technicians, professional and skilled workers."

In reference to the means by which they intend to accomplish their objective, it is to be noted that on September 17, 1936, one William Lehrer, 4216 University Ave., Seattle, Washington, related that he deals in guns and ammunition and recent-

ly an organizer for the Silver Shirts named Roy Zachary of 308 Virginia Street, Seattle, Washington, had called upon him and offered to buy large quantities of ammunition, 30.06, 30-40, .38 super-automatic, .45 automatic and many other kinds. It is alleged that Zachary wanted 15,000 rounds of automatic ammunition. He also desired to buy high caliber rifles in large quantities, claiming that he has permits from the local police department for all the side arms which he can buy.

It is further alleged that Zachary wanted Lohrer to go to Tacoma and appraise and inventory the stock of the Kimble Company, a bankrupt dealer, who has a supply of arms and ammunition, Zachary stating that he had the cash to buy all the arms and ammunition he can get.

Zachary claimed that he is an organizer from the East; that there is going to be an uprising before the November election; that there is going to be no election in November; that the Silver Shirts are going to put in their man Pelley as President.

With reference to the alleged uprising in America by the Silver Shirts, Pelley's Weekly for May 20, 1936, in an article entitled "Silver-shirts Instructed to Prepare for Nation's Upset", states: "But the Silver Legion and the Silver-shirts themselves are not expected to come into their own till Red Jewish activities in this country have openly declared themselves." The article goes on to indicate that there will be no open rebellion on the part of the Silver Shirts until a crucial moment has arisen. This is borne out by the following language appearing in the same above-mentioned article: "Roosevelt and his Jewish advisors have cleverly contrived to spend the nation bankrupt, ala bond issues and drains on bank assets \*\*\*\*\*. This has produced a situation where a second bank holiday must unerringly ensue. And just as the previous bank holiday called for a Man of Action, the abdication of Congress of its constitutional offices and the turning of them over to a pseudo-dictator, just so the second bank holiday will repeat the outrage and make a real Man of Action more requisite than ever. This means a Dictator—openly!"

Zachary made the statement to Lohrer that President Roosevelt is one-fourth Jewish. The May 20, 1936 issue of Pelley's Weekly, carried a news item which alleges that on March 15, 1935 the Detroit Jewish Chronicle carried an item indicating that Mr. Roosevelt was part Jewish. The said paper later carried a letter written by Mr. Roosevelt, in which he states: "In the distant past they (my ancestors) may have been Jews. All I know about the origin of the Roosevelt family is that they are apparently descended from Claes Martenssen van Roosevelt, who came from Holland". Pelley's Weekly goes on to state that the family tree has been traced and that it is of careful record. It further alleges that Roosevelt's

male ancestry through Claes Martenssen van Roosevelt traces directly to the Jewish Rossacampo family, which was expelled from Spain and settled in Holland.

It was deemed appropriate to set out the above-mentioned news item in view of the avowed purpose of the Silver Shirts to kill or suppress all Jews in the United States, the allegation being made that President Roosevelt is part Jewish.

It is alleged that Zachary advised Bohrer that the Silver Shirts have the National Guard and the Army all fixed and that they are prepared to take over the Government; that there are 17,000 men organized and in readiness at Yakima, Washington. It appears that the local meeting point is at Redmond, Washington.

The seriousness with which the Silver Shirts view themselves is indicated by two circulars which were distributed among members of the Silver Shirts organization who were to attend the Annual Encampment, which was held in the vicinity of Redmond, Washington during the summer of 1936. The first circular advises each individual who expects to attend the Encampment to bring certain standard equipment, such as two Silver Shirts; one pair of dark gray breeches; one pair of brogan boots; one campaign hat, and so forth. This circular also states, "Do not leave behind anything in way of cotton cloth, old sheets, etc., which can be sterilized and used for bandages. This last statement gives a clear indication of the forceful means by which they hope to accomplish their end.

The second questionnaire calls upon the various persons expecting to attend the Encampment to indicate thereon the quantity of certain staple food items which each individual can furnish.

In connection with the securing of arms by the Silver Shirts, it is to be noted that on September 24, 1937, information was obtained to the effect the Silver Shirts are arming for a pogrom on the Jews in Seattle, Washington. The item goes on to state that it has been revealed attempts have been made to purchase one hundred rifles, three hundred pistols, and several thousand rounds of ammunition by a representative of William Dudley Pelley's Silver Shirts. The item states that Roy Zachary, Christian Party State Organizer, tried to purchase arms from William Bohrer's Sport Shop, 4316 University Way. It is also alleged that Zachary had a permit with the signature of Chief of Police William H. Sears and admitted that the guns were to be used by Pelley's private Fascist army in an immense pogrom being planned by the combined forces of the Black Legion, the James True Associates and the Silver Shirts.

It was further stated that Chief of Police Sears denied he had issued a permit and branded it a forgery. Sears stated "If Zachary has a permit bearing my name, it's a forgery. I have issued no pistol permit since I've been in office.

"I intend to investigate this affair thoroughly, and if he has a permit, I will prosecute him to the full extent of the law."

An allegation relative to the assassination of President Roosevelt is noted in that a representative of the Silver Shirts is reported to have stated on May 21, 1936, that on June 6, 1936, or thereabouts, a Communist revolution would occur in this country, which revolution would break out in the principal eastern cities of the United States. When the Communist disorders occurred, the Silver Shirt organization was to step in and restore order. During the revolution of the Communists, President Roosevelt would declare martial law, which was anticipated to be in effect for a period of ten days. Some time during the period martial law was in force, President Roosevelt, according to the informant, would be assassinated, or forced to leave the country, and either the Honorable Harford Tugwell or Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York would assume the executive power. Messrs. Tugwell and LaGuardia, the Silver Shirts claim, are of Jewish extraction, and are ready to act when the occasion arises. The Silver Shirt representative indicated that the disorders would occur by reason of the bank holiday which would have to be declared in June because of the issuance of the soldiers' bonus bonds, as the banks allegedly would not be in a position to take the bonds. It was claimed by the Silver Shirts that the bonus bonds will be in the mail on June 15, 1936.

A further indication of the Silver Shirts' attitude towards President Roosevelt is noted in that on October 11, 1936, information was received from an individual as follows:

"In a letter which was shown to me, written by one who seems to be in the inner circles of the Pelley movement, I noted with some concern the statement that there is grave doubt on the part of Pelley's followers that President Roosevelt will live until election day, and it has already been discussed and understood among them that in the event of his death the Silver Shirts will move forthwith to take over the Government."

Along this same line of thought, information was received under date of April 17, 1938, that Pelley stated he would make himself President by force, and if he can't be President himself, he wants Vice President John Nance Garner as President. There is a dark hint of assassination in an article in the recent issue of the "Liberation." The article, headed "Makes John N. Garner U. S. President," states, "Good Americans should know and appreciate their Vice President better than they do and realize what an influence for reconstruction and a return to the Americanism of the Coolidge variety he would represent if the Fates be kind enough to permit him to step into the shoes of Franklin D. Roosevelt." Hitler is Pelley's model. The March 28 issue of "Liberation" says that a Silver Shirt government would cooperate with Germany, Italy and Japan.

As an indication of the affiliations of the Silver Shirts, the following information was received under date of August 1, 1937:

"It is alleged that the Ohio Valley is seething with the spirit of vigilantism. The Fuehrer of this movement is Miss Susan Sterling—her real name is Miss Elsie Theurer. The organization is known as the Association of Leagues. It has at least a cooperating working relationship with William Dudley Felley's Silver Legion; with Republic Steel Corporation; with the Patriot Guards, the National Republic and the Student Americans, American Fascist groups; the German-American Volkshund, successors of the Friends of New Germany."

In this connection it is to be noted that Mayor Harold H. Burton of Cleveland, Ohio, writes that there has been concern felt by number of people about the activities of the Associated Leagues under the leadership of Miss Susan Sterling which is a movement sometimes referred to as the Silver Shirt movement. A resolution was adopted by the Cleveland City Council on August 15, 1937, and approved by the Mayor, asking that the Civil Liberties Committee of the United States Senate include this matter in their pending investigation.

Along this same line of thought, information was obtained on April 14, 1938, which reflects that

"Again last August Felley's Silver Shirts worked with the Nazis against the Little Steel Strike. Silver Shirts and Nazi German-American Volkshunders and the "Secret Seven" of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce were merged together in the Associated Leagues of Cleveland."

It is further stated that Felley fears his tie-up to the Nazi and Big Business will be revealed by the investigations of the LaFollette Senate Committee. The committee subpoenaed the records of the Silver Shirt "Hanger" for Ohio, one Spencer J. Verdict. Felley appealed to the United States Supreme Court for an injunction restraining the committee, but was turned down. In fury he shouted in "Liberation" that he'll jail LaFollette, as well as John L. Lewis, for life if he seizes power.

The following information was obtained under date of April 5, 1938:

"Aiming for the post of Adolf Hitler of America is William Dudley Felley, currently of Asheville, North Carolina. He is not the only one. There are scores of potential little dictators, playing with little "patriotic" organizations, each of them dreaming of the day when he will take over Washington as Hitler took over Germany or Mussolini marched on Rome. They know one another, they cooperate with one another, and among them the search is becoming daily keener for that one of their number whom the lightning is to strike in a big way."

"Perhaps readiest of all to receive the lightning stroke and most inspired of all the candidates is Pelley. He has his uniformed Legion, his underground press and his mystic metaphysical-astrological 'prophecy' foreshadowing the victory to come. He can't lose."

Pelley is described as the "most raucous of the whispering campaign propagandists who disseminate race venom with an eye to establishing a dictatorship in the United States". His proclaimed ambition is to make Pelley the dictator-chief.

This information further reflects that Pelley's Silver Legion is the chief of the secret shirt societies which have been laboring, under more or less cover, to inherit the hooded pomp and power that was once the reborn Ku Klux Klan, and it hopes to go far.

As an indication of the fantastic nature of the movement, information was received that Pelley stated on March 14, 1938, that on July 21, 1929, between 7:30 and 9 P.M. in an apartment at 56 West 53rd Street, New York City, he went through the unique experience of becoming informed and enlightened of practically all the major national and international events which were to transpire from that day forward until March 4, 1945.

In this connection, William Dudley Pelley wrote an article in the American Magazine in 1929, entitled "Seven Minutes in Eternity", in which he described his experience when his soul left his body, and according to his own words, he has returned to life to give the practical thinking man the benefits of his instructions from the spiritual world.

Along this line of thought, information is to the effect that on July 1, 1932, at Asheville, North Carolina, much began to be heard of the spiritual revelations which Pelley received. It appears that Robert Summerville and Pelley were the reincarnation of souls who had lived thousands, if not millions, of years ago upon the earth. Much of their knowledge came from India. They were able to speak in an unknown tongue, to have their memory lifted and recall the things that had happened the last time they lived upon the earth. It seems that they lived on all parts of the earth, including the jungles of Africa, the great ancient civilizations of the East, Mexico, South America, and also with the American Indians. They lived on the earth more than once prior to this incarnation, and may have had many different reincarnations at different times in the past. This appears to be a scheme promoted by them in order to obtain the confidence of the public and gain members for the organization.

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October 12, 1937

MEMORANDUM

VIRILITARIAN

MISS SUSAN STERLING

The following information appeared in the leaflet entitled "FACTS AND FIGURES on War and Fascism" issued by the American League Against War and Fascism, dated August 1, 1937:

It is alleged that the Ohio Valley is seething with the spirit of virilitarianism. The Director of this movement is Miss Susan Sterling — her real name is Miss Marie Treurer. The organization is known as the Association of Leagues. "It has at least a cooperating working relationship with William Dudley Pelley's Silver Shirts; with Joseph P. Kamp's Iron Guard; with the Patriot Guards, the National Republic and the Student Americans; with the American Fascist group; the German-American Volksturm, successors of the Friends of New Germany."

The said leaflet goes on to state that the organization has 450 members in 37 "units." However, Miss Sterling claims that it represents the Daughters of the American Revolution, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Parent-Teachers' Association, Ancient Order of United Workmen, etc.

The leaflet states that in addition to anti-Communism—the major plank on which the Association is attempting to build a "United Front" of reaction—it also includes a strong mixture of anti-Semitism, strike-breaking sentiment, which is believed to be the principal function of the Association; anti-Semitism, Jim Crowism, anti-Catholicism, pro-Nazi, etc. The leaflet states that this organization is in cooperation with the Citizens National Committee which was founded in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Cleveland committee of the American League Against War and Fascism has turned over to the LaFollette Committee and the National Labor Relations Board the material which it has had to uncover about the Association of Leagues.

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Miss Sterling avoids publicity and is known to her friends as Miss Theurer. Her name is not found in the city directory. Her office is located at 308 Cinton Building. There is a notice on her door announcing that the office is occupied by the Air Maze Corporation. It is stated, however, that this corporation really occupies 312. A. T. Schoef, President of the corporation, donates office space to the Association of Leagues, and contributes \$25.00 monthly for its maintenance. It is alleged that the "Sterling Chapter" of the Silver Legion meets weekly in Miss Sterling's home at 16711 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

It is alleged that when the People's Conference met in Public Hall in Cleveland on June 20, 1937, to organize support for the steel strike, Miss Sterling had a spy there taking notes; that three copies of the spy's report were made, one going to the Republic Steel, one to Dr. Wolf Kessler, German consul in Cleveland, and one for Colonel Hayden Lasee, business man and head of the "Secret Seven" of the Chamber of Commerce.

It is likewise alleged that Martin Kessler, leader of the German-American Volksbund, is one of the active members of the Association of Leagues. The leaflet states that others who have worked directly with Miss Sterling are Captain Edward Page Gaston, leader of the Patriot Guards of Washington; William Frazee Long, manager of Cleveland's Associated Industries; Edmund Savens, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; Charles A. Kennedy, associate editor, and Walter Steele, editor and leader of the National Republic magazine and the National Republic Organization; Sherman Anderson, evangelist, and the Reverend J. F. Dickens-Lewis, Presbyterian minister; Leonard P. Ayres, Byron C. Goss, former chief of poison gas warfare of the United States Army and now the "world's largest" tear gas manufacturer; Colonel Arthur G. Turner, N.O.T.C. officer and instructor at Eastern Reserve, and founder of the Student Americans at the university; and C. E. Rosenen, president of the Standard Drug Company.

On page 3 of the said leaflet the financial backers of the Association of Leagues are listed.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

January 12, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JAN 13 1939  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

Re: MRS. L. I. ~~SALMEST~~; ~~ESPIONAGE~~ <sup>ONE</sup>

This is to advise that on January 7, 1939, Special Agent K. T. DELAVIGNE, of this office, was contacted by RUBY LaFOON, 41 Church Street, Asheville, North Carolina, who operates the jewelry department in Efird's Department Store, in Asheville, and was furnished the following information:

LaFOON stated that sometime before Christmas, 1938, Subject came to his Department in Efird's Department Store and left a wrist watch to be repaired; that he did not see Subject on this occasion, but did see her and talk to her when she returned a few days later to get her watch. He stated Subject was not satisfied with the condition of the watch, and she entered into a lengthy conversation with him, during which she asked him if he were not a pilot, and whether a scar on his face did not result from a plane accident. LaFOON pointed out to Agent DELAVIGNE that he has been in Asheville only five months, and had never seen or conversed with Subject before. He stated that he answered Subject's questions affirmatively, as he does have a transport pilot's license and qualifications, and has a scar on his face, the result of a plane accident. He stated that after this, Subject made various remarks to him, which indicated that she had possessed considerable information concerning him. He stated that during the conversation, Subject asked him if he had been in the Army or Navy, and that he informed her he had been stationed at one time at Pensacola, Florida. He advised that after this conversation, Subject departed, leaving her watch for additional repairs.

LaFOON further stated that upon her third visit, Subject again engaged him in conversation, at which time, he (suspecting Subject was going to make some sort of proposition to him) gave her the impression that he was employed merely as a clerk and was making a very low salary. He advised that after telling Subject this, she informed him that she believed he was very intelligent and possessed of a fine appearance, and upon stating this, she placed

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Re: MRS. L. T. SALMEST;  
ESPIONAGE

Director

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in his hands a pamphlet in which an article appeared entitled, "AT LAST THE JEWS HAVE FOUND A WAY TO RULE US". LaFOON advised that the pamphlet is entitled "LIBERATION", and is edited by WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, and published by the Pelley Publishers, Box 2630, Asheville, North Carolina. Several copies of the "LIBERATION" and other publications of the Pelley Publishers were obtained by Agent Delavigne from LaFOON, and are being forwarded to the Bureau with this communication.

LaFOON stated that after he looked over the pamphlet given him by Subject, she informed him he could make a considerable sum of money working for "that", apparently meaning the "LIBERATION". He advised Subject informed him she had something he could do for her, and suggested he come to see her at her home, 393 Acro Road, Asheville, North Carolina. LaFOON stated he feels sure Subject was about to make him some sort of offer, but advised some interruption occurred at this point and she did not do so.

LaFOON further advised that on January 7, 1939, he went to the home of Subject and told her he had been thinking over what she had told him, and was quite interested. He advised Subject lives alone in above average circumstances, and seems to have plenty of money. He stated that during this conversation, Subject told him she was working under a leader who desired to stir up a rebellion or overthrow the existing Government, so that he could assume the role of dictator; that Subject told him that if he would obtain for her information indicating the air strength of the base at Pensacola, Florida, and information as to the secret orders of the officers in charge at the base, she would reward him "amply". He advised she further offered to reimburse him well for any information he could obtain from the Army and Navy Departments at Washington, D.C.

LaFOON stated Subject did not set a definite price she would be willing to pay for this information. He advised that after listening to this proposition, he told Subject he would not do this work, unless he first met the person she had referred to as the leader. He stated she informed him this possibly could be arranged, and suggested that he come to her home on January 8, 1939, where he could meet additional persons who would decide whether this could be arranged, and, also, furnish him further information concerning the secret plans, if he appeared trustworthy and satisfactory in other respects.

Agent DELAVIGNE will contact MR. LaFOON at a later date, and the Bureau will be furnished any additional information obtained. Pending instructions from the Bureau, no active investigation is being contemplated by this office.

Re: MRS. L. T. SALMEST;  
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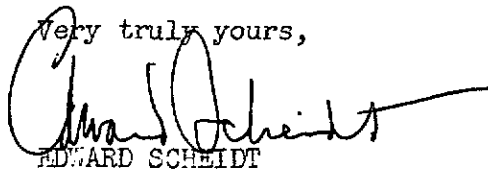
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The following description of Subject was furnished by  
MR. LaFOON:

Name	MRS. L. T. SALMEST
Race	White
Age	40
Build	Small and heavy
Hair	Reddish; probably wearing a wig
Eyes	Color not noted; very penetrating
Speech	German accent
Residence	393 Acro Road, Asheville, N.C.

Very truly yours,



EDWARD SCHEIDT

Special Agent in Charge

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# Henry Ford Money Backs Nazi Agents in America

By JOHN L. SPIVAK

Henry Ford, through his personal representatives, is working closely with, and giving financial aid to, secret Nazi agents in the United States.

Moreover, the great American industrialist, through his private secretary William J. Cameron, is again active spreading the Hate-the-Jew creed throughout the country.

The Hitler agents with whom Ford's representatives are working are using the United States as a base from which to plot the overthrow of the democratic Mexican Government and the establishment of a fascist dictatorship there.

The almost incredible activities of the Nazi espionage and propaganda machine which is at the present time using the United States as the base for interference in the internal affairs of a friendly government, dates back to shortly after Hitler took power in Germany. At that time swarms of secret agents were sent to various countries to spread the Nazi gospel and it was at a secret conference of Nazi agents active both in Mexico and the United States, that the founding of the Mexican Gold Shirts was originally decided upon.

When the Nazis reorganized their propaganda machine two years ago and established a smuggling headquarters on the west coast, propaganda taken off Nazi ships docking at San Diego and Los Angeles, included material printed in Spanish for the special use of General Nicolas Rodriguez, head of the Gold Shirts.

## American Contact Man

Fichte-Bund, World Service and particularly Anti-Comintern material were smuggled off the same ships which brought propaganda printed in English which I told about in the second article of this series. The Spanish, as well as the English material was taken to the Deutsches Haus, 634 W. 15th St., Los Angeles, the headquarters of the German-American Bund and turned over to Herman Schwinn, leader of the Nazi propagandists for the West Coast. Schwinn in turn forwarded

the material to Rodriguez.

The contact man between Schwinn and the head of the Gold Shirts in Mexico is a native American: Henry Douglas Allen of San Diego. Allen, under the pretext of being a mining engineer and interested in prospecting in Mexico, has gone repeatedly to the neighboring country with batches of the smuggled propaganda to be delivered to Rodriguez.

In the summer of 1933, Nazi

agents working in various Mexican cities met at Agua Caliente to organize a Mexican fascist group. Delegates from the American secret Nazi agents included Henry Allen, Hermann Schwinn, Captain Papey, Hans Winterhalter and Paul Thernitz. All of them were active Hitler agents in the United States. It was at this secret conference that Gen. Rodriguez (then a Colonel) was

given assurances of Nazi aid and agreed to organize the Gold Shirts as a "patriotic" Mexican fascist body.

Since native Americans, especially if they say they wish to prospect in Mexico as mining engineers, can travel across the international boundary as often as they please without arousing suspicion, Allen was chosen as the liaison man between the Nazi agents here and Rodriguez.

From its earliest inception the Nazis have been casting eyes at Pelley's Silver Shirts because that membership consisted chiefly of native Americans with fascist tendencies and an alignment with Pelley would give the Nazis an "American" front. Allen thereupon became active as a Silver Shirt organizer the while he was acting as liaison man between the Nazis here and the Gold Shirts in Mexico. He organized Down Town Post No. 47-10 and established headquarters for recruiting membership in room 683 at 730 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles. In this way he began to work with Pelley.

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In August, 1936 when a lot of Nazi and anti-Roosevelt money was being shelled out by American industrialists in an effort to defeat Roosevelt by raising an anti-Semitic issue that Roosevelt was a Jew and that the whole administration was Jew-directed and part of a world-wide Jewish plot to establish Communism, Allen became extremely active. When Pelley was out of town he was instructed to work with Kenneth Alexander, Pelley's right hand man. Alexander was formally a still photographer at United Artists Studios. The two opened offices in the Broadway Arcade Building and on Oct. 1, 1936, moved to the Lankersheim Building at Third Street near Spring in Los Angeles.

Rodriguez, ever since he was given assurances of Nazi aid, has worked not only with Nazi agents in Mexico and the United States but also with Julio Brunet, manager of the Ford factory in Mexico City.

The earliest documentary record I have of their tie-up is a letter Rodriguez wrote to Ford's manager on Sept. 27, 1934 on Gold Shirts stationery. The letter merely asks Brunet to give jobs to two "worthy, young men" and is written in a manner that shows Rodriguez and Brunet are rather close.

By Feb. 7, 1935, Rodriguez and the Ford Co. manager in Mexico had become sufficiently intimate for the fascist leader to express his appreciation of the Ford plant placing Gold Shirts in the plant. The letter, addressed to the "Manager of the Ford Company," follows:

"We have been informed by our delegate Senora N. M. Colunga that she was very well treated by you and that in addition you informed her that our request for work for some of our comrades who need it has also been heard. Not doubting that this will be fulfilled A.R.M. (the Gold Shirts) sends you the most expressive thanks for having seen in you the recognition of one of the greatest obligations of humanity and Mexicanism."

On Nov. 19, 1935, shortly before the Gold Shirts felt they were powerful enough to attempt the overthrow of the Mexican Government and the establishment of a dictatorship, Rodriguez wrote to the Manager of the Ford plant, asking for the two ambulances which had been promised the fascists by the Ford manager. Rodriguez had organized his attempted putsch carefully, with a women's ambulance corps to care for the wounded in the expected fighting. The letter, again translated almost literally, follows:

Nov. 19, 1935  
Sr. Manager of the FORD Company  
City  
Highly Esteemed Senor:  
This will be delivered to you

personally by Sr. General Juan Alvarez C., who comes with the object of ascertaining if that company would be able to supply two ambulances which they had already offered, for the transportation of the Women's Sanitary Brigade on the 20th day of this month at 8 A.M.

Thanking you in advance for the references, I am happy to repeat that I am at your command. Affectionately and attentively, S.S.

Nicholas Rodriguez C.  
Supreme Commander.

In the street fighting that followed the attempted fascist putsch a number were killed and wounded. It was after this fighting that Rodriguez was exiled. He is at present in El Paso, still using the United States as a base from which to plot the overthrow of the Mexican Government.

I am reproducing these letters from carbon copies, initialized by Rodriguez, which were in his files. Why he initials carbon copies I don't know, but I have a stack of his correspondence with Nazi agents and almost all of his carbons are initialed. Maybe it's an old Mexican custom but it comes in handy when all a fellow can get is a carbon copy.

## Called to Conference

On Oct. 4, 1936, Allen, the liaison man between the Nazi agents here and Rodriguez, wrote the fascist leader. Ostensibly the letter invited him to address the Silver Shirts. Actually it was for a special conference about "matters of vital importance to us both." This was during the period when Schwinn was holding conferences with Pelley to merge forces in a fascist united front. It was also in the period when an important Nazi espionage agent, Schneekberger, was on the west coast preparing to leave for Japan. This letter, which establishes the relationship between Allen and Rodriguez, was never received by the Mexican fascist leader. It happened to fall into my hands and I thought I'd keep it. If Rodriguez or Allen want the original back I shall be glad to send it to them if they will ask for it. The letter follows:



Dear General Rodriguez:  
 Upon receipt of this letter will you kindly communicate with me and advise me whether it would be possible for you to come to Los Angeles in the near future to make an address to our organization here. We shall be glad to defray all expenses which will include aeroplane both ways if you desire it. We shall also offer you bodyguard for your protection if you deem it necessary. Your fight is our fight and it is our desire to have you come to Los Angeles especially to confer with us relative to matters of vital importance to us both. I would suggest that if you can arrange to come, that you telegraph me (charges collect) upon receipt of this letter so that I may make arrangements without delay.

Fraternally yours.

HENRY ALLEN.

## Government Checks Allen

When I went to Mexico last month looking into the Nazi activities in which they were using this country as a base to work against a government friendly to the United States, I gave a copy of this letter to the Minister of the Interior.

At that time Allen was again in Mexico—to attend to his mining interests. Actually it turned out that he was there conferring with Gen. Iturbide, a Mexican army man.

At my request the Mexican Government checked Allen's movements and learned that he was in Guaymas having entered with Kenneth Alexander.

Since a country which permits itself to be used as a base for

plotting the overthrow of a friendly government and permits these activities to continue once they know it is considered abetting an unfriendly act, it seems to me that the United States Government might well look into the Nazi-Rodriguez affair.

The connection between Ford's Mexican manager and General Rodriguez might be considered an unfortunate incident for which Ford cannot be held responsible. This would be a reasonable assumption if the Nazi-Rodriguez-Ford tieup in Mexico were an isolated case. The facts, however, show that it is not, for Ford's personal secretary—with Ford's knowledge—is actively cooperating with the Nazis in spreading hatred of the Jew; and the national leader of the Nazi propaganda machine in this country is on the Ford payroll.

The head of the German-American Bund (the reorganized friends of New Germany) is Fritz Kuhn. Kuhn is supposed to work for Ford as a chemist, but while on Ford's payroll he has been travelling around the United States conferring with other secret Nazi agents and actively directing anti-democratic propaganda.

## Ford Spy Service

Ford has a highly developed and exceedingly efficient espionage system of his own which, among other things, watches what his employees do—even to their home life. Kuhn's activities are known to Harry Bennett, head of the Ford secret service, and Bennett reports to Ford. Furthermore, Kuhn's Nazi connections have been publicized in both the American and the Nazi press and are no secret. Jews and Gentiles have protested to Ford about Kuhn's anti-democracy work.

In these Nazi activities Kuhn has been working with Henry Ford's confidential secretary, William J. Cameron. Cameron, the reader may remember, was the editor of Ford's "Dearborn Independent" when that newspaper published the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" after they had been proved to be forgeries. The "Protocols" are among the most vicious anti-Semitic propaganda ever distributed.

When the "Protocols" were published in the "Dearborn Independent" the nation-wide protest from Jews and Gentiles, who were shocked at seeing him spreading race hatred, as well as the boycott of his car, which left its economic effect upon him, Ford apologized

for having published them. He discontinued the newspaper, but instead of easing out his editor or giving him some other job he made Cameron his confidential secretary.

When Kuhn went to work for Ford the national headquarters of the Nazi propaganda machine was moved to Detroit and anti-democracy activities increased in intensity. Basically their appeal to the American people was the old Nazi one of the "international Jewish conspiracy" to gobble up not only the United States but the whole world. In line with the Nazi policy of using anti-Semitism as the magnet to attract dissatisfied and bewildered elements in the population a new organization made its appearance: The Anglo-Saxon Federation, which was headed by Ford's private secretary. Headquarters were established in the McCormick Building, in Chicago, Room 834, at 33 S. Michigan Ave., and in the Fox Building at Detroit.

## Holds Anti-Semitic Meetings

In July, 1936, Cameron, for political reasons, because Ford was violently anti-Roosevelt, stepped out as head of the organization and became its Director of Publications—a post he still holds. When Winrod was raising money from American industrialists to support the "Capitol News and Feature Service" Cameron was among the heavy contributors.

In the "Protocols," which Ford's confidential secretary is again distributing, the introduction quotes Ford as approving of them. It states:

"Mr. Henry Ford, in an interview published in the New York World, Feb. 17, 1921, put the case for Nitus (the man who forged the Protocols originally and who has since confessed to it) tersely and convincingly thus:

"The only statement I care to make about the 'PROTOCOLS' is that they fit in with what is going on. They are sixteen years old, and they have fitted the world situation up to this time. THEY FIT IT NOW."

There are other illustrations of

the revival of anti-Semitic propaganda by the organization headed by the man who originally used Ford's great wealth to spread anti-Semitism. Cameron's activities have been brought to Ford's attention and Ford has ignored them.

When Ford was on the witness stand in a libel suit some fourteen years ago and admitted his ignorance of matters which even grammar school children are familiar with, the country laughed. His ignorance, however, is his own affair but when he, with full knowledge, permits his personally chosen representatives to work with secret Nazi agents spreading anti-democratic propaganda in this country—agents who use this country as a base for unfriendly acts against a neighboring friendly country, becomes a matter involving the people and the Government of the United States.

Next Sunday, in his further disclosures of secret Nazi propaganda in the United States, Spink will name well-known professors at famous American universities who are carrying on pro-Nazi and anti-democratic propaganda.

## INVITATION TO INTRIGUE

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

# The Silver Battalion

Room 212 Barclay Building  
222 South Broadway

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

October 4, 1936

The Silver Battalion of Fighters  
for American Peace  
Opponents of War  
Proletariat Propaganda

General Nicholas Rodriguez,  
El Paso, Texas.

Dear General Rodriguez:

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Fraternally yours,

A/p

Henry Allen

An invitation to "confer on matters of vital importance," extended to the leader of the Mexican Gold Shirts by Henry Allen, native American liaison man between secret Nazi agents here and the Mexican Fascists.

KRM:CJ

January 18, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina

RE: MRS. L. T. SALMIST -  
Espionage

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letters of January 12  
and 14, 1939, it is desired that you pursue an investigation  
in this matter in conjunction with your inquiries into the  
Silver Shirt organization, concerning which you were advised  
by bureau letter dated January 16, 1939. *61-7537-8*

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

January 14, 1939.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: MRS. L. T. ~~SALMEST~~,  
ESPIONAGE.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter to the Bureau dated January 12, 1939, furnishing details concerning the activities of the Subject at Asheville, North Carolina, in her contacts with RUBY LaFOON.

Please be advised that LaFOON has contacted Special Agent K. T. Delavigne at Asheville since reference letter was directed to the Bureau and has advised that the Subject in this case has made several efforts to arrange to have LaFOON meet the alleged "leader" to make plans for LaFOON to go to Pensacola, Florida, on a special assignment at the Naval Air Base there. MR. LaFOON has advised that he desires either to break his connection with this individual or to continue contacting the Subject in close cooperation with an Agent of the Bureau.

In view of these facts, it is desired that the Bureau advise the Charlotte division immediately as to whether an investigation should be instituted in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*

EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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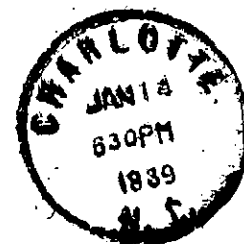
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January 27, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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January 21, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Robert B. Swope, President of the Southern Oxygen Company, Arlington, Virginia, who was referred to your office by the Director's office, was interviewed by me on January 18, 1939 at which time he advised that he had returned from Mexico City approximately two months ago, and desired to furnish information concerning subversive activities in this country.

He stated that he had traveled to Mexico City in connection with a cable plant in which he was interested, and while in Mexico City he taken a tour with a regular guide employed for this purpose. During the course of the tour he was taken by the house of Leon Trotsky. Mr. Swope advised that while driving by this house, he had observed a car bearing Texas registration plates, and the guide advised him that every time he, the guide, drove past Trotsky's house, there was some car parked outside which bore American registration plates. Mr. Swope further informed that the guide told him that Trotsky's residence is closely guarded by police, and no individual can visit the dwelling without express permission.

Mr. Swope stated that he had furnished this information telephonically to Congressman Egan shortly after his return from Mexico City when the investigation was being conducted by Mr. Egan, inasmuch as he thought a surveillance of the premises of Trotsky in Mexico City would be helpful in ascertaining the names of individuals with radical tendencies in this country.

Mr. Swope further indicated that his reason for calling at the Bureau with this information was that he had noted newspaper news that the investigation of subversive activities such as Communism and Marxism had been delegated to the FBI, and he felt that a casual observation of Trotsky's residence would disclose numerous American cars parked outside, the owners of which were undoubtedly engaged in some form of radical activity. Mr. Swope was thanked for this information.

Respectfully,

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January 28, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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I have been not a little concerned about the allegations made by Congressman Dies that he was being investigated by the Department of Justice, particularly since the inference is that he was the subject of investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As has been previously indicated to Departmental officials, the Bureau is not conducting and has not conducted any investigation whatsoever into the personal or official affairs of Congressman Dies, his background or activities. The Bureau is, however, at the request of the Criminal Division conducting investigation into certain aspects of the testimony recorded in the report of the Dies Special Committee on Un-American activities. This investigation is restricted specifically and exactly to three specific items as outlined in memoranda addressed to me on January 3, and January 6, 1939, by the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division. In order that you may be fully advised as to the nature and scope of the investigation being conducted in this regard by the Bureau, the following is a recapitulation of the three matters under investigation and no other investigation than this outlined hereafter is being conducted:

- of Dies Committee
1. The testimony of Edwin P. Banta on pages 993, 994, 999, and 1000, 1004 and 1009 of Volume 2 of the Hearings of the Dies Committee, in which testimony it is alleged that there is a possibility of conspiracy to restrict employment on the Federal Writers' Project only to persons who are members of the Workers' Alliance, the testimony also alleging that there is an indication of diversion of public funds to persons who, instead of performing work on the project, conducted Communist activities in New Jersey and elsewhere and published Communist publications at public expense.
  2. An investigation of the allegations of Committee Investigator Metcalfe that Nazi groups are engaging in espionage activities within the United States.
  3. An investigation of the activities, membership and connections of the "Silver-shirts" with German Bunds in the United States.

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Memorandum for the  
Attorney General

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January 28, 1939

On Stephen W. Birmingham, generally referred to as Steve Birmingham, was employed, I am told, as Chief Investigator for the Dies Committee. Birmingham has recently indicated to at least one newspaper man that the FBI has been "monkeying" with witnesses who appeared before the Dies Committee. Birmingham has claimed that Bureau Agents are endeavoring to intimidate these witnesses in order that the Bureau may be in a position to state that no real evidence of subversive activities was disclosed by the Bureau investigation. Birmingham has further alleged that the Bureau is utilizing "browbeating tactics" and has treated the witnesses interviewed in such a harsh manner that the witnesses are "scared stiff" on account of the treatment they received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Birmingham has indicated that Congressman Dies is antagonistic towards us because of the "run-around" given to Congressman Dies last summer. Birmingham quotes Congressman Dies as having stated that after Dies and Birmingham had done all of the work necessary for the Committee, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is attempting to "make liars" out of Dies and Birmingham by the treatment afforded the Dies Committee witnesses.

While I was confident from the daily reports received by me concerning the progress being made into the investigation of the three specific phases of the Dies inquiry as outlined above that no unethical tactics were being practiced by Bureau Agents, I have made appropriate inquiries to reassure myself that the conduct of the Bureau agents assigned to this case is not subject to any criticism whatever.

In referring to the "run-around" allegedly given Congressman Dies last summer, reference is undoubtedly made to the Department's refusal to assign Special Agents of the FBI to conduct investigation in behalf of the Dies Committee. For your information, as a matter of Departmental policy, the Department has consistently refused to loan to Congressional or Senatorial Committees investigators of the FBI; first, as a matter of general policy it has been considered undesirable to assign our Agents to work for Congressional Committees, and second, for the reason that to do so would be to remove from the regular investigative work of the Bureau a considerable number of Bureau Agents whose services obviously cannot be spared as long as the Bureau is required to operate under the limited budget and the consequential shortage of investigative personnel. No discrimination was displayed towards Congressman Dies in this situation, in that the Department has consistently refused to make FBI Agents available to Congressional Committees.

Memorandum for the  
Attorney General

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January 28, 1939

I am at a loss to understand what prompts Stephen Birmingham to make the allegations and charges which he has made. Birmingham has, of course, a highly personal interest in seeing the Dies Committee continued in order that he may stay on the Government pay roll. The investigation conducted by the Bureau to date has not disclosed any particular variance between the information furnished by the Dies Committee witnesses to the Bureau and the testimony given by them during the course of the Dies Committee hearings. The investigation is not completed, however, and will not be completed for a period of several weeks.

Birmingham has indicated that he intends to call at the New York office of the FBI where a major portion of the investigation being conducted is centered and definitely reprimand the Bureau for its action and conduct. I have, of course, informed the Special Agents participating in this investigation that no words should be minced in dealing with Birmingham in indicating to him that this Bureau intends to conduct a thorough, complete and absolutely impartial and unbiased investigation of this case in the same manner in which it conducts all of its investigations. I believe it is needless for me to state that the Bureau is interested solely in seeing that a completely unbiased and absolutely fair and thorough investigation is conducted.

The information concerning the statements of Birmingham comes to me from a highly confidential source which has been found to be exceptionally reliable on past occasions.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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January 27, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Scheidt at Charlotte to ascertain the progress being made by him in the investigation of William Dudley Pelley and his alleged connection with the Nazi organization.

Mr. Scheidt states that he has had one agent assigned to this case for approximately one week and that as soon as the ground work had been properly laid he would assign a second agent to the investigation. I cautioned Mr. Scheidt to exercise the utmost care in supervising and directing this investigation and attempted to impress upon him the necessity for getting the investigation concluded as soon as possible. I instructed Mr. Scheidt to have two agents present in the conducting of all important interviews.

Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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

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January 28, 1939

Time - 2:35 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Mrs. L. T. ~~X~~Salmeest -  
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With reference to the letter from SAC Scheidt at Charlotte, dated January 27th, setting out the results of an interview with Ruby LaFoon, I called SAC Scheidt and told him we should be careful in what we do or say in connection with this situation. I told him that I seriously question that LaFoon is endeavoring to obtain information for William Dudley Pelley because it doesn't sound like Pelley's activities.

I suggested that he just take what LaFoon has to offer and keep him at arms length; not to become indebted to him or enter into any agreement and not to get into a compromising position with him.

I told Scheidt that the informants mentioned in his letter are being checked but that his investigation of Pelley and the Silvershirts should be entirely independent.

I suggested to Scheidt that he endeavor to obtain information as to the Silvershirts in a discreet manner from outside sources first, before making any direct contacts.

Respectfully,

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EDWARD A. TAMM

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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to Bureau Personal and Confidential letter to the writer, dated January 16, 1939, instructing that an investigation be instituted as to the membership and activities of the Silver Shirt organization; also, to my letters to the Bureau of January 12 and 14, 1939, and Bureau reply of January 18, 1939 (Bureau File 61-7586) entitled, "MRS. L. T. SALMEST - ESPIONAGE".

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Special Agent J. B. BROWN has advised me that on January 25, 1939, accompanied by Special Agent K. T. DELAVIGNE, he contacted [redacted] at Asheville, North Carolina, with further reference to his contacts with MRS. L. T. SALMEST, who is allegedly connected with the Silver Shirt organization at Asheville, and that [redacted] furnished the following additional information:

[redacted] stated that since he last contacted Agent DELAVIGNE, he had again met MRS. SALMEST, who had made arrangements for him to meet someone in authority with this organization who could advise him how far they would be willing to go to obtain the information wanted by them, and which he had assured them he would be able to get for a price. In accordance with this plan, he stated that he was to meet this person at 10:00 P.M. one day last week, and that he hired a cab on this occasion and went to MRS. SALMEST's home at about 8:30 or 9:00 P.M., in order to look over the surroundings before entering the house. He stated that upon his arrival, he noticed a car in front of the house with no one in it; that he went in the house before 9:00 P.M., and about ten minutes later, a man came in, who was introduced to him as a MR. CUMMINGS, the man who could enter into a deal with him.

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[redacted] advised that MR. CUMMINGS then told him that he knew he would feel more at ease if they went out to his car where they could talk; that they entered the car he had noticed in front of the house, and drove around, during which time MR. CUMMINGS stated he had been sent to find out what sort of a man he was, and that he, CUMMINGS, was told by [redacted] that he was not putting out any information until he was satisfied that he was the proper person for him to do business with. He further advised that after driving

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around a short time, CUMMINGS accompanied him to his room at 41 Church Street, where they talked for several hours, during which conversation, CUMMINGS advised that the Silver Shirt Organization was interested in obtaining plans and specifications of the new ~~Army and Navy bombers~~, the new fortifications contemplated at Guam, and the new bases contemplated in Mexico. He stated that CUMMINGS particularly wanted to know about a large radio broadcasting station situated in Mexico, which, he claimed, two governments are trying to obtain. He stated that he also wanted information concerning the new Army rifle recently perfected, and that he seemed to be interested in the new fortifications at Panama and the strength of the garrison there. [ ] advised that he gave CUMMINGS the impression that he already was in possession of information that he knew they wanted, and was in a position to obtain any other information they might desire, through his various contacts. He said that he had demanded at least \$1,000.00 for any information he might turn over to them, and that this price had been tentatively agreed upon, should he be able to deliver. He stated that CUMMINGS then told him that he had satisfied himself that he [ ] could be trusted, or he never would have accompanied him to his room for the conference. [ ] stated that no definite arrangements were made at this time, due to the fact that he was waiting for advice from Agent DELAVIGNE as to the course he should pursue, but that CUMMINGS had told him any time he wished to contact him in the future, he could do so through MRS. SALMEST.

[ ] was questioned thoroughly as to his background and any reason he might be aware of which might have caused him to have been singled out as a person capable of and willing to perform the assignment requested by CUMMINGS. He stated that he had been into all sorts of things, but had never been in jail and had never been connected with any crimes, although he had been suspected a number of times because he had often been engaged as an informant for the Government in various capacities. He advised that he is a jewelry repairman by trade, and has been for a number of years, but that he has also been a professional gambler on the side, and through this activity was enabled to make important contacts with prominent underworld characters. He stated that he worked on several cases for MR. PERRY, in charge of the Birmingham, Alabama, Office of the Secret Service, who would give him the best of references. He stated that he was also employed as a confidential informant by former United States Attorney A. V. McCCLANE, of Nashville, Tennessee, who is now practicing law at Lewisburg, Tennessee. He stated that he is

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well acquainted with United States Marshal DOC LILLARD, through whom his vouchers were paid, and that he would verify the fact that he has been employed in several important narcotic cases. He further stated that he helped break an important White Slave Traffic Act case on which he worked with Special Agent CHAPMAN FLETCHER, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[ ] voluntarily stated that he was at one time held under bond in connection with a murder case at Augusta, Georgia, due to the fact that his negro chauffeur, while driving his car, had killed a white man, but that he had been absolved of any connection with this case. He also advised that at the present time he is having some difficulty with a woman whom he had lived with in Georgia, and who claimed to be his common-law wife. He said that he was previously married about seventeen years ago, but had been separated many years prior to taking up with this woman, but that he did not know whether or not his wife had ever secured a divorce. He stated that on a trip to South Carolina, while living with this woman, she had secured a fake marriage license, which she later used in making her parents believe they were married, but that this had been done without his knowledge. He alleged that since that time, she had threatened him in various ways, and had continued to run up bills on him and had caused him no little trouble, but that he felt certain this situation would soon be settled satisfactorily to all concerned.

[ ] claimed that he was very anxious to assist the Government in any way possible, and felt certain that if the references mentioned were contacted, they would vouch for his ability and integrity as an informant. He said that he wanted no pay for his services, and would require only actual travel and living expenses; and if the organization which MR. CUMMINGS represents would supply these funds, he would not require any money from the Government. He further stated that since MRS. SALMEST first advised him that they wanted information which he might have, or could get, concerning the set-up at the Naval Air Base at Pensacola, and since CUMMINGS had verified this fact and had also wanted information concerning the air base at March Field, California, he felt that he could be of real service to the Government, because he has a very close friend, a mechanic, one MIKE WENS, connected with the 32nd Air Squadron at March Field, from whom he could obtain the desired information. He stated that this friend had written him, advising that he believed there was money to be made in the arms smuggling racket through his connections at March Field.

[ ] exhibited several letters verifying the fact that he was in communication with the person named, although he refused to allow Agents to read them. He stated further that he was absolutely

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certain that he could obtain the plans and specifications of the Government's new bombers, and possibly other information desired by CUMMINGS; and that if the Bureau would authorize his employment as an informant, he would secure enough information to satisfy CUMMINGS, and would, at the same time, keep Bureau Agents advised in order that they might be present and able to later testify concerning his delivery of such plans and specifications to CUMMINGS or some other representative designated by CUMMINGS. He advised that should his friend at March Field become involved in any way through his requests for information, he would not hesitate to turn him in. He further advised that while he has a very nice contract with Efid's Department Store, where he is to install jewelry repairmen in all of their branch stores on a percentage basis, he would, nevertheless, be willing to give up this contract, and devote all of his time in the conduct of this investigation. He stated that he was very anxious to start as soon as possible, as he feared that a long delay on his part might cause CUMMINGS or the other person he represents to doubt his good faith.

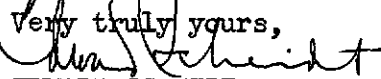
I am of the opinion that no such arrangement as that proposed by [redacted] should be entered into at this time. I instructed Agent BROWN to inform [redacted] immediately that no assurance could be given him that he would be engaged as an informant on the basis suggested by him; and that his conference with Bureau Agents should in no way be construed as condoning any of the proposals made by him for securing information allegedly desired by the Silver Shirt Organization. I felt that this should be done, in order to avert the possibility that [redacted] might engage in some illegal act and later claim that he was acting for the Bureau.

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I believe it to be advisable for immediate efforts to be made to determine the reliability of [redacted] as an informant. Accordingly, the Birmingham Division is requested to contact MR. PERRY, of the Secret Service, at Birmingham. The Memphis Division is requested to contact former United States Attorney A. V. McCLANE, at Lewisburg, Tennessee, and United States Marshal DOC LILLARD, at Nashville, Tennessee.

It is noted that this informant claimed that he had rendered valuable assistance to Agent CHAPMAN FLETCHER, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Agent FLETCHER's whereabouts is not known to the Charlotte Office, and, accordingly, it is suggested that the Bureau communicate with him regarding [redacted]

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Very truly yours,  
  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

Memphis, Tennessee  
February 4, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina

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Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter of January 27, 1939 to the Director relative to an investigation being conducted in the case titled "MRS. L. T. SALVEST - ESPIONAGE" (Bureau file 61-7586).

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J. E. Clegg  
Please be advised that Special Agent C. O. PICKARD located former United States Attorney A. V. McLANE of Lewisburg, Tennessee in Nashville where he maintains law offices in the Third National Bank Building, and he advised that he used [redacted] as an informant in liquor cases several years ago and he did a good job, but he became very suspicious of him and regarded him as not being reliable, although he had no specific basis for this conclusion. He referred Agent PICKARD to W. B. SHOFFNER, in charge of the Alcohol Tax Unit, for further information, stating that [redacted] worked as an informant for SHOFFNER.

W. B. SHOFFNER stated that informant [redacted] was "the lowest down human being" he has ever known; that he would steal and lie and was a prime crook in general. He was known to be a professional gambler and on occasions displayed his loaded dice and demonstrated them. He stated that he was absolutely unreliable and he would not believe him on oath.

With reference to former United States Marshal DOC LILLARD, it was determined by Agent PICKARD that he died about eight months ago.

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This matter is considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours, FEB 6 1939

J. E. CLEGG  
Special Agent in Charge

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

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February 7, 1939

Time: 11:05 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SAC Scheidt called from Charlotte and advised the Agents were in the Charlotte Office preparing to dictate the initial report in the Silver Shirt matter and that several things had arisen in connection with that report on which he desired my reactions.

It is Mr. Scheidt's opinion that the title should be SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, and that the character should be SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. I told him this was o. k. and that the Bureau should be furnished five copies of each report.

Mr. Scheidt made reference to the Bureau's letter setting out a list of things that should be covered in particular, and stated that all the things could not be covered in detail in the first report but that he was thinking about having the first report run along general investigative lines and then at a later date submit what he referred to as an investigative summary report, broken up under the heads set out in the Bureau's letter. I advised that we didn't want a summary report but that regular investigative reports containing the information in question should be submitted and that it is not necessary that the information be set out in the order appearing in the Bureau's letter, just as long as all the information is contained in the reports.

It was Mr. Scheidt's opinion that we should have an Agent join the Legion but I advised absolutely not.

Mr. Scheidt further advised that the initial report will more or less summarize the background of previous investigation relative to this organization in connection with a bankruptcy case. Also, that the Naval Intelligence have made a considerable amount of investigation recently about this organization and that we have gotten the information they secured. This information also will appear in the initial report but will be shown as coming from a confidential source, in accordance with the request of the Naval Intelligence.

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Mr. Scheidt further stated that the Naval Intelligence recently had a mail cover on this organization for two weeks and picked up about two thousand mail tracings, and this list also has been secured. I instructed him to send the list in as an exhibit with the report.

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Title SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED			Character of case SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Files in Charlotte office dealing with subversive activities with particular reference to Silver Shirt Legion of American, Inc., reviewed and organizational set-up as reflected in these files prior to instant investigation set out. Informants at Asheville and Charleston, S.C., furnish information concerning activities of this organization at present time. Preliminary investigation indicates that members and sympathizers at Asheville intensely interested in Nazi activities in Germany and this country. Organization apparently more strongly organized on the Pacific Coast than elsewhere. Efforts being made to obtain names of leaders and posts throughout the country through medium of mail covers, express shipments and informants. Copies of this report furnished all offices and leads suggested.

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REFERENCE: ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

Bureau letter dated January 16, 1939

DETAILS:

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

Reference letter advises that the Bureau has been requested to undertake an investigation of the membership and activities of the Silver Shirt organization and to ascertain its connection

Special Agent in

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with the German-American Bund. It further advises that the headquarters of the Silver Shirts is located at Asheville, North Carolina, and that the organization is headed by WILLIAM LUDLEY PELLEY. The Bureau desires the following information:

Complete organizational structure.

Leaders.

Genesis and growth of the organization.

Total membership.

Various headquarters or locals or units throughout the country with the approximate membership wherever such locals or units are established.

Names of the leaders of the various locals or units throughout the United States.

The Constitution and By Laws or any other list of rules or instructions issued by the Silver Shirts.

A statement of its purposes and aims.

Full details with reference to any military units established by the Silver Shirts.

The purpose of organizing such military units.

The total membership within such military units throughout the United States.

Available literature.

Its program.

Full details with reference to its connection or association with any other organization in the United States.

Full details with reference to its collaboration with any other organization in the United States.

Full details with reference to its connection or collaboration with any foreign organization or any representative of any foreign organization.

Full details with reference to any espionage activities of any kind undertaken by representatives of the Silver Shirts, officially or unofficially.

Ascertain whether the Silver Shirts maintain a women's organization and if so, full details with reference thereto.

Ascertain whether the Silver Shirts maintain a youth organization and, if so, full details with reference thereto.

Obtain available information concerning the admission of aliens and types of aliens admitted into the Silver Shirt organization.

Ascertain the types of propaganda published and/or disseminated by the Silver Shirts.

Full details with reference to incorporation, if any. Show the difference between the Silver Shirts, the Silver Legion and the Christian Party.

Secure three copies of all literature obtained.

Ascertain if any oath is taken by any member of the Silver Shirt organization or subsidiary groups.

Ascertain full data with reference to the possession and quantity of firearms and ammunition.

Enclosed with the above reference letter were photostatic copies of certain pages taken from the hearings before the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities, Volume 3.

*John C.*

Briefly, the information contained in the photostatic copies above referred to indicates that a Mr. METCALFE, Investigator for this committee, had conducted numerous investigations throughout the country of radical organizations, and that while at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, had ascertained that a man by the name of CHARLES BRUCE SWIFT, who resides at 275 Southern Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Box 1853, Telephone Hemlock 2796, was a member of the Silver Shirt organization. Further information was obtained to the effect that CHARLES BRUCE SWIFT was in some way connected with the Naval Intelligence and was also a member of the Americanization Committee of the American Legion, and that as a result of these connections had been able to obtain certain information of possible benefit to the Silver Shirt organization, of which he has publicly professed to be a member.

The Pittsburgh Division has been requested to undertake a full and thorough investigation of CHARLES BRUCE SWIFT, and his alleged connections with the Silver Shirts. Further information contained in the Dies Committee Report indicates that a Mr. METCALFE attempted to interview WILLIAM LULLEY PELLEY at Asheville, North Carolina, but was unable to contact him, and interviewed a Mr. CUMMINGS, Publisher of Pelley Publications.

The Charlotte Division has previously conducted investigations of the Silver Shirt organization at Asheville, North Carolina, and a review of these files in the Charlotte Office, reveals the information showing the organizational set-up of the various Pelley organizations originating in this territory beginning about 1933.

In the case entitled HEINZ ~~SPANKNOEBEL~~ - FUGITIVE; ESPIONAGE ACT, New York City, origin, (Charlotte file 65-3), by letter dated November 8, 1933, the New York Office furnished information to the effect that Subject SPANKNOEBEL was believed to have come to Asheville, North Carolina for the purpose of contacting WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY of the Silver Shirt organization. As a result of this information, investigation conducted at Asheville, North Carolina, revealed that E. L. ~~BISHOP~~, superintendent of mails, had advised that WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, who then maintained offices in the Woman's Club Building, which housed the Gallahad College at Asheville, was well known to him. He also advised that he was well acquainted with D. L. ~~KELLOGG~~, Circulation Manager of the ~~Gallahad College~~, which was founded by WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY. He further advised that in the paper issued at Asheville, namely, the ~~Asheville Advocate~~, which goes to press once each week, there was a complete story relative to the Silver Shirts in Asheville, which was printed in the issue dated November 3, 1933. He also advised that he had in his file two copies of a newspaper purporting to be the newspaper published by the Silver Shirts, namely, The Silver Legion Ranger, issued at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and that he also had in his possession copies of a magazine called "Liberation". Copies of both of the above referred to papers were forwarded to the Bureau at the time this investigation was conducted.

Information obtained from articles in these papers indicated that the officials of the WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY organization at Asheville were at that time, H. F. ~~SEIBER~~, who is Business Manager, ROBERT ~~SUMMERVILLE~~, and DONALD ~~KELLOGG~~, whose offices are at the Gallahad College in Asheville. In an issue of the Silver Legion Ranger, published in Oklahoma City under date of November 8, 1933, there was set forth a biography of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, in which it was stated that he was formerly a ~~newspaper publisher from Germany~~, who during the War was a "Red Triangle" man with the United States and Japanese forces in Siberia; that he saw Russian Bolshevism as an eye witness; that he was formerly a fiction story writer in a number of popular magazines; that he made his living writing novels while carrying out eight years undercover investigation throughout every large state in the Union, and that in 1929 he had cast aside his former occupation to start the League for Liberation, whose purpose was metaphysical research, but that under cover it had perfected a great national organization, drawing people of importance from the highest walks of life, whose names were never published, and rarely became known. This article further set out that on January 31, 1933, the date that

Hitler came into power in Germany, PELLEY had come from under cover with his Silver Shirt organization, and that he had secured the cooperation of outraged Christian citizens to carry on regardless of what happened to him personally, and that the heads of certain Jewish organizations in America, masquerading as highly principled institutions had already threatened him with death, proving the American tie-up between Judaism, Communism, and Satanism, and further that his Silver Shirts were battling to prevent this. At the end of this particular article it was stated that "If you are 18 years of age, of reasonably sound health, and not afraid to risk your life and limbs for your country, you are asked to take your oath of consecration upon you and step out as a true Christian soldier garbed in a shirt of silver with a great scarlet "L" emblazoned on your banner, and over your heart, standing for life, loyalty, and liberation."

It will be noted that this article set forth that the Silver Legion headquarters were at Post Office Box 1354, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where this particular paper was published.

As a result of investigation by the Oklahoma City office it was ascertained that Miss ADELIN~~E~~ MARION was supposed to be a Secretary to Major W. D. PELLEY, whose Silver Shirt Organization was located at 408 N.W., Second Street, Oklahoma City. She was interviewed, and advised that the purpose of the organization was to enroll every inhabitant of the United States in the organization for the purpose of educating them to live up to the constitution, suppress~~ed~~ Communism, and crime; that the initiation fee was \$10, but that if those who desired to join the organization were unable to pay this amount, they would be permitted to become a member if they swore to live up to the principles of the organization. A Mr. C. F. WEBSTER, lecturer for the Silver Shirts, was interviewed, and his statements were similar to those made by Miss MARION. He further advised that the organization barred no one from becoming a member, and that the Catholic, Jew, or Negro were permitted to join, as long as they paid the initiation fee of \$10. He stated that the organization was mainly organized for the purpose of enrolling every honest, upright American, who believed in the Constitution of the United States, and was against Communism. He stated that the organization had the support of many police officers all over the United States, and that when Police Departments or any official law enforcement agencies were handicapped by politics, it would then be the desire of the Silver

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Shirts of America to enforce the law violated. He stated that the organization positively did not have anything to do with the Hitler Regime of Germany, and as far as he knew, no one of the Nazi Legion was connected with the Silver Shirts of America.

In this file there was also a seven page article published at Silver Legion headquarters, Asheville, North Carolina, undated and entitled Official Dispatch No. 1. This article purports to set out some of the purposes and aims of the Silver Shirt organization. In one place this article states that the Silver Legion of America is a Christian organization, only soliciting for its fighting ranks those men and women of Christian faith and American citizenship, whose paramount ideal is not only to restore inviolate our republican form of institutions politically, but to see that they are administered strictly by people of their own faith and ideals, and that this is one of their first tenets. He further advised that the organization is unalterably opposed to the Russian Jewish form of Communistic Government against which ADOLPH ~~HITLER~~ is making such a successful stand at the present time. It states that they are wasting no sympathy for those who are complaining of being "persecuted", for they have secret knowledge that they are whining at treatment which they meted out to the German Fatherland without let or hindrance since long before the War, and that the same elements are doing the same thing in America under cover. It states that the Silver Legion proposes to obtain their objectives, primarily by political means, peacefully, lawfully, and without violence, but nevertheless they do not constitute a strictly political organization, as they enlist under their Liberation banner the great moral force that is Christianity. It further states that the Silver Shirts are organizing by State Encampments, 48 of them, with Posts in every community, wherein the majority of the Christian people are sickened of all this unhallowed and extended rape of our highest ideals and the debauchery of our excellent democratic form of representative government. It states that these Posts admit men and women on equal footing, and that the National Headquarters consists of a General Staff, comprising five officers, the Chief, the Chamberlain, The Quartermaster, the Sheriff, and the Censor. It states that over each state there is a commander, an Adjutant, a Purser, a Bailiff, and a Solicitor, and that over each Post there is a Chaplain, a Scribe, an Almoner, a Marshal, and an Advocate. It states that the men members of these Posts are uniformed in shirts of the beautiful Silver-Gray, with a large printed "L" worked in red silk on the left breast; that the uniform

trousers are corduroy knickers of blue with puttees or long socks; that on the blue four-in-hand tie is woven or pinned the Silver-Shirt's national number, and that there are to be no two similar numbers in the entire Nation.

This article further states that there is an entirely sound and feasible plan afoot for the incorporation of the United States of America into a colossus corporation, in which the present government officers shall be the officials but where every citizen shall become thereafter both a Common and a Preferred Stockholder. It further sets out that in the Silver Shirts, the Country has leadership, a leadership that knows what the depredations of the predatory element are, how to fight, and end them, how to coop and restrain them permanently from any repetition of such diablerie as they have inflicted on this nation up to the present. It further states that this is not "another organization"; that they hold no banquets and waste little time in speech making.

The case entitled GENERAL NAZI INVESTIGATION; MISCELLANEOUS - NAZI MOVEMENT, and in which case Charlotte is the office of origin (Charlotte file 62-536), contains Personal and Confidential letter from the Bureau to the Charlotte Division, dated May 19, 1934, requesting intensive investigation concerning the activities of the Nazi movement in this country with particular reference to the Anti-racial and anti-American activities, having any possible connection with official representatives of the German Government in the United States.

A review of the Charlotte file in this case, reflects that inquiries were made in fifty-seven of the more important cities in North and South Carolina without disclosing any information concerning the Nazi Movement, anti-racial, or anti-American activities.

The report of Special Agent R. L. FAGAN, Charlotte, N. C., dated June 22, 1934, submitted in connection with this case, indicates that as a result of a bankruptcy investigation involving the various Pelley organizations, which was pending and being investigated by the Charlotte Division, about the same time numerous files and papers then in the possession of the Sheriff of Buncombe County, Asheville, and also in the possession of Mr. WILLIAM J. COCKE, Trustee in Bankruptcy, case, were reviewed, and it had been noted that the Zone captains of the Silver Shirt organization were encouraging the enrollment of persons identified with Nazi, as for example, a typical letter was removed from the files dated March 7, 1934, which letter stated "I wish you to write L. W. Vithon, 5802 Chandler Street,

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Cincinnati, Ohio, he is in contact with Germany and is in a position to look up any particular news you may desire. He is one of our key men here in the city, and very valuable member of the Norwood Post." The above is quoted from a letter from R. C. ZIMMERMAN, 715 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, Captain of Ohio, to Mr. ROBERT SUMMERVILLE, The General Staff, Asheville, North Carolina. It was also reflected that many letters from persons in foreign countries were found in the files, together with hundreds of original naturalization papers. There was a typical letter of a foreign representative, apparently a reply of ROBERT C. SUMMERVILLE to a letter from Princess M. KARADJA, WILLA LUX MONTI, Locarno, Monti Del La Trinta, Switzerland, dated June, 1933, suggesting that the General Staff utilize the Hitler Government, and organize the Germans in America. In Mr. SUMMERVILLE'S reply to this letter, he advised that it was exceedingly unlikely that any of the General Staff of the Silver Shirts would be able to get away for conference in Europe during the coming September, as they were all tragically needed for the pressing demands in this national fight. His reply further sets out that on account of the financial lack it had been impossible for them to print the Creutz pamphlet, but that it would be printed as soon as they were able to obtain the necessary funds. He further advised that he had promptly forwarded the writer's letter to the editor of the Silver Ranger in Los Angeles. He advised that the organization was in touch with Reverend HUGH WHITE in China, and that they have numerous connections by correspondence with Germany, which had been conducted by their official translator, whose headquarters are in Philadelphia. He further advised that he was exceedingly interested in the private information which had been received by the Princess from the Russian Baron, and states that he wished he had it at hand at the moment for an important issue of Liberation Magazine, in which Jewish Communism is particularly stressed.

Further examination of these files by Agent FAGAN at the time of this investigation reflected that an unsigned letter had been received by the organization and that according to the text of this letter, the person writing it was then an officer in the United States Army. This officer requested that a copy be made of the letter and the original destroyed. It further reflects that this officer suggested to Mr. SUMMERVILLE that he contact and "handle" General GUY WILSON of 32 Division National Guard, Detroit, Michigan. This letter further advises of the "Secret Military Movements" of regular army men and promises to obtain information of confidential source to army Generals, which would be furnished the organization.

It further discusses the mobilization of the Silver Shirt organization in connection with the Army Air Service.

As a result of this investigation, the following list of publications which were being published by the organization at the time is being set out below:

1. ~~✓~~ LIBERATION WEEKLY: - A magazine of Timely Instruction  
Inspiration.  
Rates \$5.00 - 1 year, \$3.00 - 6 months  
\$2.00 - 4 months, \$1.00 - 2 months
2. ~~✓~~ SCRIPTS OF THE LIBERATION: - Metaphysical messages,  
inspirationally received, giving new and practical  
light on life's greatest enigmas.  
50¢ each, 5 for \$1.50
3. ~~✓~~ LIBERATION FELLOWSHIP COURSE: 52 lectures on the  
World's Unwritten History, 13 Little Lectures on  
Life's Great Mysteries, and 52 Scripts of the Libera-  
tion. Personal Correspondence Counselling based on  
quizzes and students' personal problems. Details  
on request.
4. ~~✓~~ WHAT MANNER OF GOVERNMENT IS THE CHRIST TO SET UP?  
Article No. 1 - 10¢ each. - 20 or more, 5¢ each.
5. ~~✓~~ MCFALLEN'S SPEECHES: - No. 1. The Greatest Crime in  
History; No. 2. I Hereby Impeach the Federal  
Reserve Board.  
10¢ each. 20 or more 5¢ each
6. ~~✓~~ THE CAUSE OF ANTI-JEWISM IN THE UNITED STATES, by  
Irvin L. ~~✓~~ Pottor.  
15¢ each. 10 or more, 10¢
7. PULLETTINS: - No. 2. The Silver Shirts are Mobilizing;  
No. 3. The Secret Government of our Nation.  
100 of either title or 50 of each title, 50¢ per  
hundred.
8. ~~✓~~ ENVELOPES OF COMBINED LITERATURE for beginners in Silver  
Legion work or Liberation studies. Send for them, to  
enlighten others.  
10 for \$2.00. Less than ten, 25¢ each.
9. THE SILVER LEGION RANGER: - A weekly newspaper giving  
the Silver Legion's insight into current events. 52  
Issues \$2.00 - 26 issues \$1.00. Single copies 5¢  
each. Bundles of 50 - one issue - \$1.00.



1. ~~X~~ NO MORE HUNGER by William Dudley Pelley  
First 11 articles of the Christian Democracy of  
the Silver Legion .50¢
2. ~~X~~ COMMUNISM IN GERMANY by Adolph Ehrt .50¢  
The truth about Communist activities which  
forced Revolution in Germany.
3. ~~X~~ RED JUSTICE by John E. Waters .50¢  
A first hand account of Soviet Russia as it  
is now.
4. ~~X~~ THE CUTTLE-FISH by Gilbert F. Stevenson \$1.25  
A history of the manipulations of gold by  
Jewry in the advancement of their world conspiracy.
5. ~~X~~ KAPOOT by Carveth Wells \$2.50  
Travel and education off the "tourist lanes"  
of Russia, Laugh and shudder with this author  
and lecturer.
6. ~~X~~ MY SEVEN MINUTES IN ETERNITY WITH THE AFTERMATH  
by William Dudley Pelley \$1.00  
The account of the author's epochal psychic  
experience unlocking the doors of cosmic  
intelligence.
7. ~~X~~ VOICES FROM BEYOND by Dr. Henry Hardwicke \$1.00  
A lucid presentation of evidence of true  
psychic phenomena and descriptions of famous  
cases, by an authority.
8. ~~X~~ BLUE ISLAND by William T. Stead \$1.00  
A first hand record of experiences after  
death by a victim of the Titanic disaster.
9. ~~X~~ EARTH'S ANNULAR SYSTEM by Isaac N. Vail \$3.00  
Proof of the origin of mineral and gas, coal  
and oil, by an advanced scientist.
10. ~~X~~ ELEN'S FLAMING SWORD by Issac N. Vail .75¢  
A scientific examination of prehistoric con-  
ditions and elements.

11. ~~SECRET~~ T N T by Edwin Marshall Hadley .50¢  
A book that names and reveals in no uncertain terms how America is being seduced by organizations allied with communism.
12. ~~SECRET~~ MY BATTLE by Adolph Hitler \$3.00  
The political and psychological approach to the problems of Germany as faced by Hitler in his rise to the Chancellorship and the exposing of Jewish Communism.

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This file also contains a newspaper clipping from the Charlotte Observer which carried an AP dispatch from Los Angeles, dated August 7, 1934, in which article one VIRGIL HAYES, a former U. S. Marine, is reported to have testified at a Congressional subcommittee hearing at Los Angeles to the effect that he was offered \$10 each for stolen Government rifles, \$50 each for machine guns, and \$20 cash for ammunition by an official of an organization known as the Silver Shirts. HAYES further testified that he had been instructing the Silver Shirts in military tactics, small arm firing, and street fighting at a place near San Diego, California. He further advised that he had joined the Silver Shirts under instructions of the Intelligence Department of the Marine Corps at San Diego, and he advised that W. W. KEMP was the official of the Silver Shirt organization who had made the offer, and who was in command of the organization at San Diego. He stated that he had seen the Silver Shirts drilling with rifles, presumably obtained from San Diego marine force, and that they had been arming themselves and drilling in a plot to take control of the United States Government. He stated that he had been told of large caches of ammunition stored by the Silver Shirts, and said that he had seen small amounts. When he was asked if force had been advocated by the Silver Shirt organization to gain control of the government, he replied: "Yes, I was commissioned as an instructor of military tactics with the Silver Shirts. I taught the use of small arms and street fighting". This testimony on the part of VIRGIL HAYES was before the Subcommittee of the House of Representatives, headed by CHARLES W. KRAMER.

By letter dated August 15, 1934 in connection with the above entitled case, the Charlotte Division transmitted to the Bureau certain papers, among which was the original map of the organization of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated, with the request that copies of the material transmitted be made, and that the originals be returned to the Charlotte Division for transmittal to WILLIAM J. COCKE, Attorney, Asheville, North Carolina. A check through the pertinent file indicates

that this material is still in the possession of the Bureau. In view of the length of time which has passed, it is not believed necessary to return the original material to Mr. COCKE. The Bureau is being requested by letter to furnish the Charlotte Division with a copy of this ~~map~~ for the completion of its files. *Done*

The above mentioned file also discloses an extensive investigation regarding the ~~Black~~ Black Shirt organization, but inasmuch as this organization apparently has no connection with this investigation, the details of same are not being set out.

In the case entitled WILLIAM LULLEY PELLEY: ROBERT C. SUMMERVILLE, D. I. KELLOGG: HARRY F. ~~WEIBER~~; H. M. "MONT" ~~CHARL~~ WICKE: GALLAHAL PRESS, INC., the ~~FOUNDATION~~ FOUNDATION FOR CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS, INC.; THE SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INC., NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT, Charlotte Origin (Charlotte file 49-371), investigation conducted by Special Agent R. L. FAGAN, in July 1934 disclosed that this investigation was predicated upon a letter addressed to the New York Office by FRANK J. PRINCE, dated April 19, 1934, in which he advised that involuntary Bankruptcy petition had been filed against the Gallahad Press, Inc., at Asheville, North Carolina. *Prince*

The following information obtained from the testimony taken at the Numerous referee's hearings in connection with this investigation, and from records and correspondence is set out in order to identify the numerous scripts, tracts, lessons, lecturers, metaphysical papers, persons, etc.:

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The Foundation for Christian Economics, Inc.: A corporation created by Pelley and associates to administer and manage the numerous interrelated corporations Pelley was interested in, and also to operate the Gallahad College and disseminate literature throughout the world. The Certificate of Incorporation was issued by the State of North Carolina, February 23, 1932. The shares were distributed as follows: WILLIAM LULLEY PELLEY, Asheville, North Carolina, 60 shares, ROBERT SUMMERVILLE, Asheville, North Carolina, 30 shares, M. E. ~~PHANSMAN~~ PHANSMAN, Asheville, N. C., 10 shares.

*# Education  
# Schools  
Defunct?*

GALLAHAL COLLEGE: The training school at Asheville, N.C., for chaplains and students to obtain courses of instructions on Economic Social Metaphysical and secular problems, according to the teachings of Pelley. The school was held at intervals in the Woman's Club Building; the national headquarters of the Pelley organization at Asheville, North Carolina, and opened in June, 1932.

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Gallahad Press, Incorporated: Incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, on January 21, 1931, as a business corporation, its principle purpose being to carry out the business of printing and publishing magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, periodicals, circulars, and other forms of publications. Its offices were first located in New York City, but were subsequently moved to Washington, D. C. The capitalization of the Gallahad Press consists of 2500 shares, par value \$10 a share, and 100 shares of common stock without par value. The incorporators were as follows: MARY JOYCE BENNER, 299 Madison Avenue, New York City, Mrs. OLIVE E. ~~K~~UBINS, same address, WILLIAM IULLEY PELLEY, same address. Subsequently about the last week of June, 1932, the offices of the Gallahad Press were moved to Asheville, North Carolina and combined with those of the Foundation. Thereafter the income of the Gallahad Press was gradually drained by the foundation, and about August 1, 1933, the Gallahad Press was abandoned, its entire operations being taken over by the Foundation.

New Liberator: Name given originally to the Liberation Magazine. That name was changed by Pelley's orders March, 1932, due to the fact that Pelley stated in his testimony before the referee that there existed a "communist" sheet published under the name "Liberator", and he did not desire that his publication be identified with a communist magazine.

League of Liberators or Liberation: This was succeeded in June, 1932 by the Gallahad College.

Silver Legion: An organization started by Pelley personally through the medium of the Liberation magazine. It was succeeded by the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated.

Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated: organized to take over the Silver Legion activities. It is a Delaware corporation and has headquarters technically in Wilmington, Delaware. It was at the time engaged in establishing offices over the entire country. Subsequent investigation has revealed that application for domestication of a foreign corporation was filed by this corporation in the State of North Carolina on the 17th day of March, 1934. A copy of this application was obtained from Secretary of State, Raleigh, North Carolina, and is being retained in this file. The corporate name is Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated, and the officers are as follows: President, or National Commander, W. D. PELLEY, Treasurer or Comptroller, HARRY F. SEIBER, Secretary or Registrar, LEE ~~X~~COLLIE, whose addresses are all Asheville, North Carolina.

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The objects for which the corporation was established are primarily as follows:

a. To foster, promote, and develop political and patriotic principles for the betterment and welfare of its members.

b. To establish, supervise, and control subordinate districts and units for the promotion of activity and education of the principles of the corporation in various communities.

c. To carry on its purposes and activities in any of the States or parts of the United States, and to have one or more offices therein, and therein to hold, purchase, let, mortgage and convey real and personal property, except as and when forbidden by local laws.

Under Section 5 of this application it is noted that this corporation shall be a non-profit membership corporation and shall have no capital stock. The membership of said corporation shall first be composed of all of the incorporators who shall adopt the by-laws and after the adoption of the by-laws the membership shall include such other persons as may be accepted or elected from time to time in such manner and upon such conditions as the By-Laws of the corporation may provide. Members of the corporation may be suspended or expelled for such cause or causes and in such manner as the by-laws of the corporation may provide.

Under Section 6 it is noted that the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which shall be known and designated as "The General Staff", and the following officers: A president, to be known and designated as National Commander, a Treasurer to be known and designated as Controller, and a Secretary, to be known and designated as Registrar. The members of the General Staff and the officers shall be elected to hold office for a term of ten years and until their successors are elected and qualify. The said Board of Directors or General Staff shall have the custody and control of the property and assets of the corporation, and shall have full power and authority in the conduct of the fiscal and business affairs of the corporation. The General Staff may, from time to time, elect or appoint a committee of the members of the corporation to be known and designated as the Divisional Executive Staff, which shall function as a Divisional Executive and Advisory Board or committee over the affairs of the corporation in a State or group of States, consisting of such members and to have such powers and duties as the Board of

Directors or General Staff may determine, or as the By-Laws of the Corporation may provide. The General Staff may further, from time to time, elect or appoint a committee of the members of the Corporation to be known as the Local Executive Committee, to function under the Divisional Executive Staff in Counties, Cities, or towns, as the General Staff may designate, consisting of such movements and to have such powers and duties as the General Staff may determine or as the By-Laws of the Corporation may provide.

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Silver Ranger: a publication Pelley started with his personal funds that served as a medium for disseminating propaganda relating to the Silver Shirts Movement.

Liberation: A magazine which at the time of this report was published monthly at Asheville, North Carolina by the Gallahad Press, Inc., for the Legion for Liberation at 1019 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, editor, ROBERT SUMMERVILLE, Managing Editor, and L'NAH KELLOGG, Business Manager.

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The following information is set out in order to show the history of the various persons connected with these organizations at the time this investigation was conducted:

William Dudley Pelley

William Dudley Pelley was born about March 1888 at Lynn, Massachusetts, and attended the public schools of Gardner and Springfield, Massachusetts. At the age of seventeen he began his career in a paper manufacturing business at Fulton, New York, being superintendent of his father's mill.

Pelley first attracted the attention of publishers in August, 1917, when the American magazine published a feature story of his entitled "Mother". Numerous articles by him have been published in the Red Book, Saturday Evening Post, Collier's Weekly, and American Magazine during his literary career. In 1929 the American Magazine published an article entitled "Seven Minutes in Eternity" by Pelley, and it is generally thought that the interest manifested by certain types of individuals in that essay encouraged him to produce further writings of such an intelligence to establish himself as a leader among people interested in metaphysics. From that time to the organization of the Gallahad Press, Inc., and later The Foundation for Christian Economics, Inc., and the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., he was engaged in communicating with persons interested in metaphysical and religious adventures.

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Pelley founded the Gallahad Press, Inc., in 1931, and subsequently organized The Foundation for Christian Economics, Inc., and The Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., He held the

positions of President of these corporations until the same were adjudicated bankrupts in 1934.

PELLEY has been married twice, and has two children, names unknown, by his first wife, MARION PELLEY. During the spring or summer of 1934 he obtained a divorce from his first wife and about September 1936 married Miss MINNIE H. HANSMANN, a personal and business associate. Prior to his second marriage MINNIE HANSMANN accompanied PELLEY in his travels over the country and is generally known to have lived with him. It is believed that he married her in order to end criticism he was receiving concerning his relations with her, and to prevent possible prosecution therefor. PELLEY lives with his wife, their address being 20 Sylvan Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina, and his home life is apparently satisfactory.

He is described as follows:

Name	WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY alias Bill
Age	50
Height	5'8"
Weight	150
Hair	Dark Brown, turning gray
Complexion	Sallow
Eyes	Gray
Build	Slender
Mustache or beard	Gray Mustache and "Van Dyke"
Eyeglasses	Rimless nose glasses, octagon lens.
Peculiarities	tendency to cock head to one side when talking.
Residence	20 Sylvan Ave., Asheville, N. C.
Occupation	Publisher and writer
Marital Status	Married, wife, MINNIE HANSMANN PELLEY. Has two children, names unknown, by a former wife, MARION PELLEY.
Race	White
Nationality	American
Handwriting specimen	In Minute Book of Galahad Press, Inc.
Relatives	Mrs. GRACE PELLEY, mother, Springfield, Mass.
Criminal Record	2-18-35 sent. to serve 1 to 2 years and pay \$1000 costs, jail sent. suspended.

Robert C. Summerville

ROBERT C. SUMMERVILLE was born in Chicago, Illinois, about twenty-eight years ago, and received his education in the public schools of that city. His mother was a concert pianist, and his father a metallurgical engineer. As SUMMERVILLE grew older he became interested in socialism, and is a deep student in metaphysics. He was an advertising salesman in New York City at the time he met WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, and subsequently became associated with him.

SUMMERVILLE was elected a Director of the Gallahad Press, Inc., on April 5, 1932. During the early part of 1932, the Foundation for Christian Economics, Inc., was organized, to which SUMMERVILLE was a subscriber to thirty shares of the common capital stock, making him the second largest stockholder of the corporation. On June 1, 1932, he was elected Secretary of the Foundation for Christian Economics, Inc. The positions mentioned were held by SUMMERVILLE until said corporations were adjudicated bankrupts in 1934.

SUMMERVILLE is a single man, and his residence at the present time is unknown.

He is described as follows:

Name	ROBERT C. SUMMERVILLE
Age	32
Height	5'8"
Hair	Blonde
Weight	165
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Pale
Build	Medium
Teeth	Good
Peculiarities	squint-eyes
Residence	Unknown
Occupation	Advertising man
Marital Status	Single
Race	White
Nationality	American born
Criminal Record	2-18-35 sentenced to serve 1 to 2 years and pay \$1000 and costs, jail sentence suspended.



Donald D. Kellogg

DONALD D. KELLOGG was born approximately thirty-four years ago. His father, name unknown, was a Congregational Minister at Buffalo, New York, believed to have been connected with the Plymouth Congregational Church. KELLOGG attended the public schools in Buffalo through the second year of high school, and subsequently was employed as a Clerk by the Hooker Electro-chemical Company, Niagara Falls, New York. In 1928, he married Miss MARY WARE HARDWICKE, sister to HARDWICKE in this case, and subsequent thereto was employed as circulation man by the Liberty Magazine. It was during his employment there that he met WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY in 1931, and with whom he later became connected.

On April 5, 1932, KELLOGG was elected a Director of the Gallahad Press, Inc., and on April 12, 1932, was elected Secretary of that corporation. These positions he held until an involuntary petition was filed against the Gallahad Press, Inc., April 17, 1934.

KELLOGG has one child, boy, about nine years of age, and resides with his family on Caledonia Road, Asheville, North Carolina. At the present time he is in the painting and paper hanging business.

He is described as follows:

Name	DONALD D. KELLOGG, alias Don
Age	34
Height	6'
Weight	170
Hair	Light Brown
Eyes	Gray
Complexion	Fair
Build	Slender
Teth	Good
Residence	Caledonia Road, Asheville, N. C.
Occupation	Clerk, magazine circulation man, painter and paper-hanger.
Marital Status	Married, wife, MARY HARDWICKE KELLOGG; one child, boy, about nine years old.
Race	White
Nationality	American
Handwriting Specimen	See Minute Book of Gallahad Press, Inc.
Relatives	Dorothy Kellogg, sister, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Criminal Record	PD, Asheville, N. C. reports none.

M. MONTFORD HARLWICKE

H. MONTFORD HARLWICKE was born in Niagara Falls, New York, and attended the public schools of that city. He attended Cornell University for two years, and thereafter joined a tramp steamer and travelled around extensively learning a great deal about marine engines. In 1930 he was employed by the Remington Advertising Agency, Springfield, Massachusetts, and in 1931 by the Addison Vare Advertising Agency, Buffalo, New York. In the Fall of 1931 HARLWICKE operated a tourists' boarding exchange at Niagara Falls, New York. In the Spring of 1932 he became connected with WILLIAM LUDLEY PELLEY.

HARLWICKE was elected a Director of the Gallahad Press, Inc., on April 5, 1932, and was elected Treasurer of that Corporation on April 12, 1932. These positions he held until his resignation on August 1, 1932.

~~JANE STEEVES~~ In the early part of 1933, HARLWICKE was married to Miss JANE STEEVES of New York City, who is the granddaughter of DAVID SCHULTE of SCHULTE Cigar Stores. It appears that his home life can not be criticized.

HARLWICKE'S present activity is unknown. However, he is reported to be an incorporator of the Nu-Enamel Company, Asheville North Carolina, and may be connected therewith. He resides with his wife, and his residence address is reported to be R.F.D., Swannanoa Road, Asheville, North Carolina.

HARLWICKE is described as follows:

Name	H. MONTFORD HARLWICKE, alias "Mont"
Age	39
Height	5'7 1/2"
Weight	170
Hair	Dark Brown
Eyes	Hazel or brown
Complexion	Dark
Build	Medium
Teeth	Good
Residence	R.F.D., Swannanoa Road, Asheville, N. C.,
Occupation	Advertising
Marital Status	Married: wife, Jane Steeves Harl- wicke
Race	White
Nationality	American Born
Handwriting Spec.	See Minute Book of Galahad press, Inc.

Relatives	Henry S. W. Hardwicke, father, Caledonia Road, Asheville, N.C. Kate S. Hardwicke, mother, same address. Anna Barbara Steeves, sister-in-law, Rector Hotel, New York City; Mrs. MARY KELLOGG, sister Caledonia Rd., Asheville, N.C.
Criminal Record	PI, Asheville, N.C., reports none

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Harry F. Seiber

HARRY F. SEIBER comes from the vicinity of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is reported to have formerly been President of some bank in that state. He was elected Treasurer of The Foundation for Christian Economics, Inc., on July 12, 1933, and it appears that this position was held by him until that Corporation was adjudicated bankrupt.

SEIBER is married and has a family. However, the names of his wife and children are unknown. His present residence is believed to be R.F.I., #1, North Wales, Pennsylvania. He is known to be connected at the present time with an organization known as the Society for St. Germain.

Seiber is described as follows:

Name	HARRY F. SEIBER
Age	49
Height	5'9"
Weight	165
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Build	Medium
Condition of Teeth	Good
Occupation	Banker
Marital Status	Married
Race	White
Criminal Record	PI, Asheville, N.C., reports none

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A further review of this file indicates that no Federal prosecution was had in the Bankruptcy case, partly due to the

fact that WILLIAM LUTLEY PELLEY and ROBERT C. SUMMERVILLE were convicted in the State Court on two counts, charging sale of stock of the Gallahad Press, which was not registered, as provided by North Carolina law, and fraudently representing the financial condition of the Gallahad Press to purchasers of said capital stock which was not registered. They were sentenced before Judge WILSON FARLICK in the Superior Court at Asheville, North Carolina, February 18, 1935, at which time, PELLEY was sentenced to serve not less than one, nor more than two years in the State's Prison at hard labor. PELLEY'S sentence, however, was suspended upon the following terms and conditions: (1) that he pay a fine of \$1,000 and the costs of prosecution; (2) that he continue on good behavior for a period of five years; (3) that he neither publish nor distribute in North Carolina any periodical having to do with the stock sale transactions or reports of the financial condition of any corporation. The fine and court costs which amounted to \$1,719.50 were paid by PELLEY.

As to ROBERT C. SUMMERVILLE, he was also sentenced to serve not less than <sup>one</sup> nor more than two years in the State's Prison at hard labor, said sentence being suspended upon the following terms and conditions: (1) that he continue upon good behavior for a period of five years; (2) that he neither publish nor distribute in North Carolina any periodical having to do with the stock sale transactions or reports of the financial condition of any corporation.

A review of the file entitled PABLO L. DELGADO, et al; NEUTRALITY MATTERS, in which case the El Paso Division is the office of origin (Charlotte file 64-3), reflects that one PABLO L. DELGADO, Mexican Preacher of El Paso, Texas was attempting to raise funds for a Mexican Revolution, and in this regard had contacted SETH ORNLORFF, who was for many years Sheriff of El Paso County, Texas, in an effort to secure assistance from ORNLORFF. The file reflects that the revolutionary plans of DELGADO fell through and investigation indicated that he is probably an idealist, and is harmless. The file reflects that the El Paso Division has a photostatic copy of a letter addressed to DELGADO about April 7, 1938, which was written on the stationery of the Hotel Asheville, Asheville, N.C. This letter, which is written by KENNETH ALEXANDER, address care of L. CUMMINGS, Box 104, Asheville, North Carolina indicates that ALEXANDER had just returned to Asheville from a trip to the extreme north of the United States and Canada, and also to Buffalo, Cleveland, New York City, and Washington, D. C., where Alexander apparently contacted Silver Shirt Groups.

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This letter indicates that ALEXANDER was well pleased at the enthusiastic spirit manifested by the members of the group and it further indicates that Alexander had had numerous long talks with WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLE, regarding DELGADO; that PELLE had been impressed by DELGADO'S point of view and by the courage DELGADO had shown in a manifesto he had made in August, 1937, announcing his intention of overthrowing the Cardenas Government by force. This letter indicates that DELGADO contemplated the issuance of another manifesto, and offers the facilities of the press of the Pelley organization in printing this manifesto for DELGADO. It further indicates that the Silver Shirt organization intended opening a National Headquarters at Washington, D. C., where an entire building was to be taken over, and a picked staff of Silver Shirts was to be quartered upon the premises. The letter indicated that these members were to protect the boarders and the working staff and were to be in full uniform during hours of duty. It further indicates that the Silver Shirt organization was putting on a membership campaign which it was felt would materially strengthen its force nationally. This letter indicates that the goal of the Silver Shirt organization is to establish a Christian Commonwealth in America. In closing, the letter states that DELGADO should make contact only with ALEXANDER or WILLIAM PELLE, and not with other members of the Silver Shirt organization; that he or PELLE would be the ones in a position to carry out the promises already made.

It is noted from the above mentioned file that Mrs. LEE ORNDORFF, Virginia Street, El Paso, Texas, a sister-in-law of SETH ORNDORFF, was contacted by MARY I. STEWART, Rosslyn Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and apparently was the contact for DELGADO with ORNDORFF. Investigation made by the Los Angeles Division at Los Angeles, California, indicated that MARY I. STEWART was well known at the Rosslyn Hotel, and indicated that she was originally from Caseville, Michigan, spending the winters at Los Angeles.

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Charlotte file 61-10, Bureau file 61-7559, entitled SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES - GENERAL, reflects that Special Agent P. A. MUNLEY of the Charlotte Office contacted on September 22, 1936 TAYLOR BLEDSOE, Attorney at law with offices in the Jackson Building, Asheville, North Carolina, at which time Mr. BLEDSOE furnished him with memorandum prepared by persons later known as Informants #1 and #2, setting out information regarding their knowledge of and connection with the Silver Shirt organization. This memorandum was furnished the Bureau under cover letter dated October 10, 1936, at which time the names of these two informants were furnished the Bureau.

This memorandum in detail is being incorporated in this report at this time because of the obvious importance it bears to the present investigation:

"The information furnished by confidential informant #1, which will be set forth herein, in substance, sets out the history of the organization in Asheville, North Carolina, together with the various activities of the various members of the organization, which to some extent is somewhat fantastic, but furnishes an idea of the intelligence of the leaders, as well as the schemes which are promoted by them in order to obtain the confidence of the public and in gaining members for the organization, which seems to have as its ultimate purpose the overthrow of the present form of Government in the United States.

"As to confidential informant #2, who has joined this organization for the purpose of exposing them at the proper time, he endeavors to give his ideas of what is going on in the organization at the present time, and also what has taken place, as well as the way he finally became a member of this organization.

"The following information was furnished by confidential informant #1, and is set forth in detail as related to Agent:

"William Dudley Pelley and his associates first came to Asheville sometime in the winter of 1931-32. My first knowledge of them came from a talk delivered at the Asheville Kiwanis Club in the spring of 1932 by Bob Summerville. Mr. Summerville was at that time 27 years old. He is a decided blond, and possesses white eyebrows which are very striking. His talk was along the lines of general corruption and the necessity for intelligent education on the part of the people, and might be described as exceptionally deep and profound. It impressed me very much. He was introduced and brought to the club by R. P. (Bob) Williams, who is the owner of the Biltmore Press, which both at that time and at all times since has done the printing for Mr. Pelley's various organizations.

Of course, I had heard of William Dudley Pelley, the famous writer, having read his article in the American Magazine sometime in 1928 or 1929, entitled "TWELVE MINUTES IN ETERNITY", in which he described his experiences when his soul left his body. It was a very unique and strongly pictured article, written as a personal experience, and deeply religious.

Mr. Summerville was staying in my neighborhood, having a room on Montford Avenue in the house now occupied by Mr. Foster, the

Assistant Postmaster at Asheville. At that time his landlord was the keeper of the Riverside Cemetery. The house Mr. Summerville lived in burned and has been rebuilt since 1932. I contacted Mr. Summerville and asked him to come down and talk to the young people at my church. He did this and afterwards I talked to him for several hours about politics in general. I remember giving him a copy of the book, "WHEAT AND POLITICS", by a man in Minnesota, which book I suppose he still has, as he has not returned it to me. This was an account of the financial manipulation of the farm board by a group of speculators and crooks in the wheat region of the West. I recall that Mr. Summerville told me that they, meaning the Pelley crowd, were receiving confidential information from their own source of a similar variety.

"Mr. Summerville finally got around to ask me what I thought of myself and my destiny, which he said was the great thing. I did not exactly ken to this, as I am rather objective than subjective by nature. I finally took Mr. Summerville to his attic room about 11:00 and he started to describe to me the Jews, whom he said had been at the bottom of all revolutions and that they worked through the Masonic Order. I told him that I was greatly surprised at hearing that, as I was a Mason and never thought of the Masons in that way. At this, he said that he did not mean the Masons in this Country but in Europe. He told of a book printed in Boston which described all of this, printing house having been demolished recently. I took it to be the result of Jewish influence. At that time, I unfortunately caught sight of a large and impressive-looking volume on the shelves of Mr. Summerville's bookcase, and asked him what it was. It proved to be a book on the Great Pyramid of Egypt, about which I know little. Unfortunately, the rest of the time was spent in talking about this book, and I lost a valuable opportunity to learn more of Mr. Summerville's feelings and views. He explained to me how the scientists had discovered the interior vaults of the Great Pyramid contained marks which correspond to what he termed "great tribulations" or crises in world history. This began with the exodus of the Jews from Egypt, and had such dates as the Fall of Babylon, Rome, and the World War. There were marks for the year of 1931, which Mr. Summerville said was the depression which would end accordingly in the Great Pyramid in September 16, 1936. It seems that these discoveries are still being made and leaflets are issued by the scientists in London doing the work. Mr. Summerville said that the last period of tribulation and signs of any kind would end in the year 1950.

"I was much impressed with this knowledge at the time, and later heard other people discussing it. I found that the whole

idea of history interpretation from the Great Pyramid began in 1855, and that a book setting forth this thesis is in the Library of Congress. I also found out from Professor Caldwell, of the History Department of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who is a distinguished Egyptologist, that the whole idea is unfounded. He classifies it with astrology and crystal gazing.

"The activities of Mr. Pelley during the year 1932 were centered upon the creation of what was known as "Galahad College". It was to promote some kind of Christian Commonwealth, and the original plan was to organize it at Black Mountain, N.C. It was hoped to secure some land from Mrs. Terry, a very wealthy woman, the widow of a railroad king, who was her second husband. She has at Black Mountain a very large and beautiful home with private golf course. However, for some reason she did not give them the land and endowment, which was expected, and activities in Asheville began on July 1, 1932, in the Woman's Club, which is located on Sunset Parkway in Asheville. Mr. Pelley leased the entire structure. At this time much began to be heard of the spiritual revelations which Mr. Pelley received. It seems and I also recall again from Mr. Summerville that both he and Mr. Pelley were the reincarnation of souls who had lived thousands, if not millions, of years ago upon the earth. Much of their knowledge came from India. They were able to speak in an unknown tongue, to have their memory lifted and recall the things that had happened the last time they lived upon the earth. It seems that they lived on all parts of the earth, including the jungles of Africa, and the great ancient civilizations of the East, Mexico, South America, and also with the American Indians. They lived on the earth more than once prior to this incarnation, and may have had many different reincarnations at different times in the past.

"Another young man who belonged to this group was "Mont" Harwicke, one of the defendants in the trial in the State Courts of North Carolina in 1935. His father, a University professor from somewhere in New York, was in 1932 one of the chief luminaries in the organization. Young Harwicke married a wealthy girl from New York, in the winter of 1935. He applied to a scientific association in New York for a job as translator of Aztec inscriptions in Mexico. The story goes that they asked him if he had had any experience in such work. He replied that he had never had any and had never studied the language. Upon their amazement, he asked them to allow him to translate some works which they had already translated and compare his labor with that of their scholars. He gave them a perfect copy, supposedly from the process of lifting of his memory and recalling his knowledge of the Aztec language in a past incarnation when he



was in that country. He is supposed to be in this labor in Mexico at the present time.

"In the summer of 1932 the foundation for Christian Economics, which was the name Mr. Pelley was operating under at that time, was given encouragement by the Chamber of Commerce. This was also because they felt that it would bring people to Asheville. Asheville is a tourist town, very proud of her climate and scenery. Mr. Summerville had previously explained to me in reply to queries as to why they were located in Asheville that they had picked it because it was a quite remote place, and they would not be bothered. They said that they wanted privacy.

"In the summer of 1932, I invited Mr. Pelley to speak to the Kiwanis Club members. This, he did. He talked about the cosmic rays of the sun and how they influence life upon the earth. He said that these rays were the same kind which the great physicist, Milikan, in California, had discovered. He said that his theory of the cycles of civilization was founded on the astronomy in ancient Persia. He privately told me that great cataclysm and horror would take place as a result of an eclipse of the sun, which took place about the first of September, 1932. Mr. Pelley is a very intense personality. He is possessed of a distinguished appearance, very much like his pictures. He strikes me as having a great deal of the poseur in his make-up.

"In the fall of 1932, he secured a divorce from his first wife, whom he had married about 1910 and from whom he had been separated for a great many years. Shortly afterwards, he married one of the women in his organization. The wedding took place at the foot of Mt. Pisgah, and the ceremony was performed by a magistrate.

"An immense correspondence course was conducted by the Galahad College during the summer of 1932. Many middle-aged and elderly women flocked to Asheville to take the courses. They purchased books at a tremendous price. All of the time Mr. Pelley was selling stock in his organization, which later brought him to grief. It was generally thought that he called up to the spirits to advise his clients about the purchase of his stock.

"I remember getting the idea from Mr. Summerville that the foundation for Christian Economics was more friendly to people with fat pocketbooks, and that they were looking for financial support.

" Mr. Pelley continued to occupy the Woman's Club building in Asheville until the fall of 1933. He had great trouble in paying the rent and ended his relations with the owner of the building as an unsatisfactory tenant.

"The Biltmore Press deny at the present time that they are printing anything for the Silvershirts. This is in part occasioned by the local unpopularity of Pelley and the Silvershirts since their activities were publicized.

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"The ~~Fleisch~~ Committee came to Asheville in 1934 during their investigation of subversive organizations. They also investigated the Silvershirts in New York. I did not keep up with their work in detail, but I know that it was generally believed that evidence heard by him discloses a link connected financially between the Silvershirts and Hitler's Nazi party in Germany, that is, money was being received from Germany.

"Miss Dorcas ~~Carland~~, who is now employed in the WPA Office at Albany Ga., knows a great deal about the activities of the Pelley crowd in 1932-1933. She attended some of the meetings, and would be very glad to furnish any information which would help to discredit them. She is a highly educated and naturally astute person.

"I have been informed of Informant II's activities, and have read his statement. I am frankly puzzled as to just what the Silvershirts are, or what kind of a man Mr. Pelley is. He may be a religious fanatic with enough flashes of brilliance to carry him on. However, there are many angles which would leave this out, such as the closeness of the organization and their devout purposes other than religious. The most important, I think, I can say at this time, September, 1936, is that Informant II's ideas of what the Silvershirts hope to accomplish are very likely to be true, but that with the definite information we have at this time it could not be proven. Informant II's connection is the only way I know of of getting real information, and I strongly urge that he be given more time, without any embarrassment as to publicity by any senatorial investigation committee, in order to achieve the end for which he has so patiently labored.

"The activities of Informant II in joining the Silvershirts for the purpose of gleaning the facts through, were made with the knowledge and approval of the local Federal Law enforcement officers, and also with the sympathy of some of the North Carolina legislators in the National Congress."

The following information was furnished by confidential informant #2, and is set forth in detail as related to Agent:

"My interest in the Silvershirts started at the time of the trial of Mr. Pelley and associates in the State Courts of North Carolina early in 1935. I understood that after they were convicted they left Asheville and went to Knoxville, Tennessee. Sometime during the summer of 1935, I heard from a Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, who lives on Brownwood Avenue, West Asheville, N.C., that the Silvershirts' headquarters had been returned to Asheville. She learned this from Dewey Foster, a local radio service man who is and was intimately acquainted with William Dudley Pelley and has had many talks with Mr. Pelley. He is also a close friend of Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_. He, Foster, was a candidate for membership in the Silvershirts but withdrew his application when the activities of the Silvershirts were exposed in 1934.

"I learned that the headquarters were located at 643-450<sup>th</sup> Haywood Road, Asheville, N.C. I had a friend who was working in a cafe across the street from these headquarters. I asked him to listen to anything he might hear people from the Silvershirts talk about, and let me know. He tried to listen but was not skillful enough in covering up his intention, and all talk soon ceased in front of him.

"Early in 1936, I observed an old Jewett touring car parked very often in front of the Silvershirts. By noting the license number, I found that it was owned by one John Aarhus.

"I am employed by the Montgomery Ward Company as radio repair, collecting and general contact man. One night in June, 1936 I noticed Mr. Aarhus in the store talking with the man of the radio department. I had learned to know Mr. Aarhus on sight. I saw the radio man had put a ticket on the hook for repairs. I looked on the file and found a service request from John Aarhews, 201 Virginia Ave., West Asheville, N.C. Prior to this, I had found out that John Aarhus was connected with the Silvershirts. I asked to be allowed to do the job Mr. Aarhus wanted done and my request was granted. I made the necessary repairs to Mr. Aarhus' radio and thus became acquainted with him. I told him that the reception of his radio would be improved 25% if he had a proper aerial installed. Aarhus' radio was an all-wave set and he was particularly interested in receiving clean reception on the short-wave bands.

"After I installed the improved aerial for service on short-wave band, I gained Aarhus' confidence. On the same day I installed the aerial he invited me to attend a social gathering

out in the country on the outskirts of town where I met Mrs. Aarhus, some members of the organization, some friends of theirs, and a woman from Canada. She was connected with the public school system in Canada and was in Asheville for the purpose of getting definite and detailed information from Mr. Pelley. I gathered from her conversations she was connected with a correspondence course in the public schools. After dark, we returned to Mr. Aarhus' home and engaged in a general conversation on psychology, phrenology, mental telepathy, re-incarnation, communication with the spiritual world, and fanatical religious doctrines in general. About two weeks later, Mr. Aarhus came in the store with another request for radio service, and I again secured the ticket and went to his home. I moved his radio to my house in order to demonstrate to him the trouble with his radio was the location. He came to my house to see about this, and while there, he acted in a very suspicious manner and closely watched both myself and everything in the house, though he tried to conceal his actions on this score.

"Mr. Aarhus is about 42 years old. He is a blond with curly hair; weighs about 175 and is 5'11" in height. He is by occupation an automobile mechanic and hails from Los Angeles, Calif. He is a World War Veteran and owns his home in California.

"Upon this occasion of my visit to the Aarhus' house, I engaged in conversation with Mr. Aarhus about the Silver-shirts and expressed sympathy for their aims and for the difficulty that Mr. Pelley had experienced. Upon the strength of this, Mr. Aarhus gave me some of their literature and invited me to stop by the headquarters. I stopped by the headquarters soon afterwards and was surprised to find there an old acquaintance of mine, Guy Harwood. Guy is about 24 years old and has been prominently connected with the boys' work in Asheville. He has served as boys' work secretary of the Y.M.C.A., and also as a scout leader in West Asheville. He is the author of a book on boys' life and problems, which was published in part through the assistance of the Silver-shirts. In this book are sentences lifted from the writings of Mr. Pelley. His job at the headquarters consists of assistant shipping clerk or handling the printing material.

"I would drop by the place from time to time and after several visits, put in my application for membership through Mr. Aarhus. It was nearly one month before my application was accepted. I submitted my name as \_\_\_\_\_. Upon its return, it had \_\_\_\_\_, Jr. From this observation, I gathered that quite an extensive investigation was conducted before the application was accepted. No active campaigning or soliciting of members is conducted in this particular community, and no formal ritual or

ceremony was held at the time of my admittance to the Silver-shirts. The aims and purposes of the organization are set forth in the enclosed literature. My observation of them is that their main idea is that our country is dominated at the present time by the Jews, whom they claim to be communists. They say that ninety per cent of the Jews are communists. They feel that this set-up should be changed and the Jews segregated and limited in their privileges as citizens. It seems that this is preparing for an untimely overthrow of our form of government, and the setting up of a form of government which they call the Christian Commonwealth, which is generally modeled after the government now maintained by Hitler in Germany. Some features of the Soviets were incorporated in this.

"Their source of money is unknown to me, but they seem to have all that they used, both for their own personal expenses and the activities of the organization. They do not stint themselves in private life, but neither are they lavish in expenditure. The standard is about that of the average family. I have a surmise that they are receiving messages by short-wave radio from Germany in code. I have seen several German language papers put out by the German government in their possession. They are strongly anti-Jewish, carrying cartoons. They claim that over fifty similar organizations like them are in this country: such as "The Knights of the White Camellia", whose publication is enclosed. This is in West Virginia.

"The printing of the weekly publication is done by the Piltmore Press, whose employees I have seen at the establishment on Haywood Road. They have established this place as the center headquarters and distribute all publications from this office. They are mailed to every state in the Union, Canada, Mexico, and Cuba.

"The organization seems to be very tightly controlled and highly organized with the higher-ups in complete domination, and the rank and file know very little of the inner secrets. The members are as follows to the best of my knowledge: Mr. Aarhus; Mr. Talpey, who is in charge of the mail, and seems to aid in the writing of the newspapers; Mr. Martin is the head of the post here and lives at 80 Tacoma Circle, Asheville, N.C., which is also the home of Mr. Pelley. They recently installed a radio set with short-wave receivers there. Through this channel, I gained access to the house and was invited to return. Guy Harwood's father is a member of this organization.

"Their local meetings are attended by from 25 to 30. They claim a national membership of two million. The Silver-shirts believe that the Communists are now in secret control of the country, and that within six months after the election of Mr. Roosevelt, they will take steps to gain for open control by means of violent insurrections. At this point, the Silver-shirts wish to be highly

organized, so that they can step in and take control. They are making a point of being well equipped with guns and ammunition, and are especially interested in having members who are familiar with the use of firearms and have had military experience, technicians, professional and skilled workers.

"I joined the Silvershirts in order to find out what they were, believing them to be a subversive organization and hoped to gain further information in the future. In the event of trouble, I hope that my original designs will be remembered by the prosecuting attorney: that is, a guaranteed immunity. I joined the organization purely for the purpose of exposing them at some future time."

This memorandum also contains the following information furnished by confidential informant #1:

"As a background for Mr. Pelley's trial, I will say that Robert R. Williams, a distinguished and able member of the Asheville bar, was employed as private prosecutor. It was generally thought, and is probably true, that the prosecution was financed and directed by the Jewish Fraternal Society. The defense counsel was Robert H. McNeal, of Washington, D.C., and Joseph W. Ford of Asheville, N.C.

"Miss Carroll Costello, who resides at 28 Katherine Place in Asheville, was at one time employed by Mr. Pelley. She is about 23 years old and now works in the finance department of the WPA Office in Asheville. She is a very close friend of Mrs. R. P. Williams, wife of the owner of the Biltmore Press, who prints the literature for Mr. Pelley and his organizations, and is also a friend of the present Mrs. Pelley. She was very poorly paid when working for Pelley, and is very sore at the whole bunch personally. She does not like Mr. Williams personally. It was through her that we learned that the Biltmore Press was secretly doing the Pelley printing at the present time, 1936.

"Miss Costello was connected with the Narcotic Squad, I think, in New York City during 1935. She is Catholic and was educated in the National Catholic School in Washington. Her father was a doctor. He died four years ago, in 1932. She comes from a very good old Maryland family, being a descendant of John Carroll, of Carrollton. She is extremely religious to the point of attending early mass and dieting according to the rules of the Catholic Church.

"She is a very talented amateur actress, and has literary ambitions. She has written some creditable poetry, and has a fine general knowledge of English Literature, especially poetry.

The family formerly had a comfortable income, but are not so well off now. She has a married sister living in Atlanta City, N.J., and another sister that is a nun. Her mother lives with her and is

a very straight-laced, old-fashioned and strict mother, who does not allow her daughter to do much when she is at home.

"Miss Costello would be glad to do anything she could to help in finding out information about the Silver Shirts, but is handicapped by the fact that her mother does not like for her to go out in the evenings. She is on the whole a very splendid girl and is deeply patriotic and could be trusted."

It is believed that the above information will show the organizational set-up, the activities, leaders, apparent aims, and purposes of the Silver Shirt organization at Asheville, North Carolina, as known prior to conducting investigation requested by Bureau letter of reference.

AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

In Charlotte letter to the Bureau, dated January 12, 1939, in the case entitled Mrs. L. T. SALMEST, ESPIONAGE, Bureau file 61-7536, the Bureau was advised that Special Agent K. T. LELAVIGNE had been contacted by RUBY LaFOON, 41 Church Street, Asheville, North Carolina. LaFOON advised that Mrs. L. F. SALMEST had contacted him at the Efird's Department Store in Asheville during December 1938 in connection with some repairs she wished made to a watch. LaFOON advised that during the first contact and several other contacts with Mrs. SALMEST, she indicated that she was connected with the Silver Shirt organization at Asheville, North Carolina, and attempted to interest LaFOON in that organization. LaFOON advised that he had gone to the home of Mrs. SALMEST at 393 Arco Road, Asheville, North Carolina, and had had a long conversation with Mrs. SALMEST during which time she told him that she was working under a leader who desired to stir up a rebellion, and overthrow the existing government in the United States, so that this leader could assume the role of Dictator. LaFOON further advised that Mrs. SALMEST told him she would amply reward him for any information he could obtain regarding the army and naval air bases of the United States, and contemplated fortifications in new areas. This letter indicated that LaFOON intended contacting Mrs. SALMEST in the future, and that he would re-contact Agent LELAVIGNE when he had obtained additional information from her.

LaFOON furnished the following description of Mrs. L. C. SALMEST:

Name	Mrs. L. T. SALMEST
Race	White
Age	40
Build	Small and heavy
Hair	Reddish: probably wearing a wig
Eyes	color not noted: very penetrating

As a result of this letter, the Bureau advised on January 18, 1939 that any investigation conducted as a result of the information furnished by LaFOON should be made in connection with instant investigation of the Silver Shirt organization.

Consequently, on January 25, 1939 the writer, accompanied by Agent K. T. DELAVIGNE interviewed RUBY LaFOON, and the results of this interview were furnished the Bureau by letter dated January 27, 1939. In this interview LaFOON re-iterated the statement previously furnished Agent DELAVIGNE and gave further information regarding his personal history and background, naming certain persons as references, who he claimed could testify to the satisfactory work on his part as informant for various agencies of the Government. However, subsequent investigation conducted by the Memphis Office has disclosed that this informant is absolutely unreliable and should not be believed. No further efforts will therefore be made to use this informant in this investigation.

The writer, accompanied by Special Agent K. T. DELAVIGNE contacted Deputy Sheriff FRANK MESSER, an FBI National Police Academy Graduate, who Agent had reason to believe was absolutely reliable, and could be trusted with confidential information. Deputy Sheriff MESSER advised that TAYLOR BLEDSOE, who possessed considerable information concerning the Silver Shirts at one time, was at the present time confined at an insane asylum, located at Morganton, North Carolina, and that he had been in this institution for the past year or so. He stated that BLEDSOE is known to have been violent at times, and that his mental condition at the present time was such that an interview with him would not be advisable.

MESSER was questioned discreetly regarding any information he might have concerning the Silver Shirt organization at Asheville, North Carolina, and stated that to his knowledge this organization had been very quiet in its activities since bankruptcy proceedings in 1934. He stated that the Sheriff's office had received no complaints, and that neither he nor any of the other officers had noticed any activity locally around Asheville. He advised that he was very friendly with R. P. WILLIAMS, owner of the Biltmore Press, and former publisher for PELLEY organizations, and that he believed he could contact him without arousing undue suspicion on his part for the purpose of obtaining what information he might have as to the present set-up of the Silver Shirt organization at Asheville. Subsequently, he advised that he had had several talks with WILLIAMS, and that he, WILLIAMS, had advised that he had severed his connections with PELLEY, and his organization some two years ago, and had had had very little contact with him since that time. Mr. WILLIAMS advised Deputy Sheriff MESSER that he would endeavor to obtain all information possible concerning the present set-up of this organization, and



would also obtain such magazines and publications that might be available at this time.

As a result of several conferences between Deputy Sheriff MESSER and R. P. WILLIAMS, it is believed by Deputy Sheriff MESSER that Mr. WILLIAMS can be openly interviewed by Agents, in the future, and a lead is being set out by the Charlotte Division to conduct this interview.

Deputy Sheriff MESSER stated that he recalled the state prosecution and bankruptcy proceedings, but could furnish no information other than that already set out previously in this report.

Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff MESSER, Agent searched through the store room of the tenth floor of the Buncombe County Court house in an effort to locate some of the old files which were seized at the time of the state prosecution against PELLEY and his associates, but none of these files were located.

Prior to instant investigation, Agent K. T. DELAVIGNE had been contacted by Chief of Police CHARLES DERMID regarding some suspicious activities on the part of A.H.E. TALPEY, and LINCOLN CUMMINGS, who are connected with the PELLEY organization at Asheville, North Carolina. Inasmuch as this Agent knew that an investigation of the Silver Shirt Organization was to be conducted in the immediate future at Asheville, he had made arrangements for the writer to interview Chief DERMID in this regard, without informing him that such investigation was to be made.

Reporting Agent, accompanied by Special Agent K. T. DELAVIGNE, interviewed Chief of Police CHARLES DERMID, at which time he verified the information furnished by Deputy Sheriff MESSER as to the activities of the Pelley organization, but advised that he and other members of the force had become very curious as to the secrecy of the organization, and the fact that the Pelley Publications, Inc., located at 643-45 Haywood Road, Asheville, North Carolina, appeared to be shrouded in mystery and expressed a desire to know more about what was going on at this place. Chief DERMID advised that Patrolman W. H. CASHATT, <sup>Agent P. 41</sup> was a member of the Silver Shirt organization, and that this fact was known only to himself and Detective CHARLES MORGAN. He stated that CASHATT claimed to have joined the organization for the sole purpose of obtaining information and that when he, DERMID, was made Chief of Police, CASHATT had come to him, and informed him that he, CASHATT, was a member of the Silver Shirt organization, but that he would resign if Chief DERMID felt that being a member of such an organization might later cause him, DERMID, embarrassment. He stated that he then advised CASHATT

that he should remain a member of the organization as he might be useful to the Police Department at a later date, should the event arise wherein the Police Department might wish to obtain information concerning this organization. Chief DERMID advised that he believed CASHATT could be safely interviewed due to the fact that he had frequently conferred with Operative ~~X~~CROCK of the U. S. Secret Service, who had contacted him at Asheville on several occasions regarding the Silver Shirt Organization.

DERMID further advised that on the Sunday prior to the date of the interview, the Police Department had received information that two men were seen throwing packages into the French Broad River at West Asheville: that after throwing two packages into the river the two men had walked away carrying a third package, leaving an automobile in which they apparently had driven to a point near the River. DERMID stated that he and Detective CHARLIE MORGAN had made an investigation of this matter, and had located an old car, which he had checked on and had ascertained that this car belonged to HARRY E. MARTIN, former member of the Silver Shirt Organization at Asheville; that officers from the Asheville Police Department had gone to the home of MARTIN'S widow, and had been advised by her that this car had been sold to A. H. E. TALPEY, 201 Virginia Avenue, West Asheville. He stated that the officers went to TALPEY'S residence, where they interviewed TALPEY, who advised them that he had parked this car outside his home the previous Saturday, and did not know that it had been stolen. DERMID advised that subsequently officers interviewed TALPEY and LINCOLN CUMMINGS, at the Pelley Press at 643-45 Haywood Road, at which time TALPEY advised that his car must have been stolen sometime during Saturday night, and that he had failed to notice its absence. DERMID further stated that TALPEY and CUMMINGS were questioned with a view to determining whether they had thrown the two packages into the French Broad River; that both denied any knowledge of this. DERMID advised, however, that the officers noticed that CUMMINGS' shoe had metal plates on the toe and heel, and that the shoes had been freshly shined. He stated that foot prints on the River Bank at the place where the packages were seen to have been thrown in showed the mark of a shoe having steel plates attached to the toe and heel. DERMID further advised that members of the fire department had gone to the river bank and had dragged the river with grappling hooks for more than an hour, but had not succeeded in locating the package which had been thrown in.

Chief DERMID also advised that STEVE ~~CREASMAN~~, JR., employed at the Sears Roebuck Company Radio Department was also familiar with the activities of the Silver Shirt organization and stated he believed that CREASMAN was <sup>not</sup> in sympathy and could be safely contacted.

Agent DELAVIGNE subsequently interviewed Chief DERMID, at which time it was suggested to him that he have a talk with CASHATT in an effort to ascertain more definitely the feelings of CASHATT with regard to furnishing information in connection with the Silver Shirt activities. Chief DERMID subsequently advised Agent DELAVIGNE that he had had a talk with CASHATT, during which time CASHATT told him he was perfectly willing to furnish information in this regard. DERMID advised that he felt absolutely certain that CASHATT would make a competent and reliable informant.

Accordingly STEVE CREASMAN was contacted by the writer and discreetly interviewed regarding his connection with the Silver Shirt Organization. He informed Agent that one DEWEY ALLAN FOISTER, employed in the Radio Repair Department of Sears Roebuck could and would furnish valuable information concerning the Silver Shirt organization. Mr. CREASMAN arranged the meeting with FOISTER, at which time FOISTER agreed to an interview later in the evening at the George Vanderbilt Hotel. It was deemed inadvisable at this time to interview STEVE CREASMAN at his place of employment, and arrangements were made for an interview at a later date.

DEWEY ALLAN FOISTER called at Agent's room at the George Vandervilt Hotel as arranged, at which time he was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent DELAVIGNE. He advised that during the time he was formerly employed at the Montgomery Ward Company in 1932, where he was doing radio work on the side, he had occasion to do some work for the Pelley organization. He stated that he had always been interested in metaphysics and kindred subjects, and was thus able to strike up considerable friendship with PELLEY, who has written numerous articles on this and other subjects. He stated that through his close association with PELLEY he was given a great deal of radio work for other members of the organization, who all appeared mainly interested in securing good reception from GERMANY. He stated that all members have short wave receivers which were apparently purchased for the sole purpose of receiving these German broadcasts, sent out from Germany on short wave. He stated he was never listed as a member of the Silver Shirt organization, because he had specifically requested that his name not appear in any of their files, due to the fact that he felt that someday the FBI would be called in to investigate this work. He stated that he felt this investigation would be

brought about due to the fact that in his opinion, PELLEY was conducting the operation of the Pelley Publishers as a racket. He stated that as a result of his friendly relations with Pelley, he met most of the active members of the Silver Shirt Organization at Asheville, with whom he has also had business relations in connection with his radio work. He stated that WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY is Chief of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated, which is also known as Skyland Press, and which is located at 643-45 Haywood Road, West Asheville.

FOISTER was questioned concerning the following named persons who are believed to be active members of the organization at Asheville at this time, most of whom are engaged principally in getting out the publication known as "Liberation", a weekly magazine. He advised that LINCOLN CUMMINGS was second in command at Asheville and was the cartoonist for the publication, "Liberation". He stated that CUMMINGS acts as publisher for the various Pelley Publications during the absence of Chief PELLEY. He stated that Mr. BROWN, first name unknown was a former newspaper man, and is presently engaged as Research Man, with the duties of collecting the various articles used in the various Pelley Publications. He stated that JOHN A. RHUS was a former automobile mechanic, and came from California, and that he is now used on general mechanical work and apparently is in charge of most of the mailing activities. He advised that both BROWN and A. RHUS are alleged to have given up profitable businesses on the West Coast to become members of the Silver Shirt Organization.

FOISTER further advised that one CHARLES M. NEWCOMB, formerly from Delaware, Ohio, a University professor, who lectures throughout the country for the Silver Shirt Organization on the Subject of Economics, and who is considered a very intelligent person and very highly regarded by PELLEY and his associates, has a mountain home in Candler, which is just outside Asheville. He stated that PELLEY stayed at this mountain retreat during the time he was hiding out prior to his conviction in State Court for violation of the North Carolina Blue Sky laws, in 1934.

He further advised that due to his employment and outside radio business, he had been unable to keep in close touch with the organization during the past couple of years, and therefore he was unable at this time to give the names of the more active members of the organization, but that it was his intention to renew his active status in the next few weeks, particularly for the reason that he had been invited by PELLEY to construct a radio recording device at their headquarters on Haywood Road. He stated that it is

his belief that the reason for setting up this recording device is in order that the various HITLER speeches and other GERMAN broadcasts may be permanently recorded and those which may be broadcast in German later translated. He stated that he would endeavor to obtain the names of various visiting members of the organization from records maintained by his mother, who operates a tourist home, and who has received many customers as a direct result of their reference to this home by PELLEY or other members of the organization at Asheville. He stated that while he is at headquarters installing the above referred to recording device, he will endeavor to obtain the names of the active leaders and their location, with particular reference to the posts or encampments throughout the country, over which they may have charge. He stated that he was absolutely trusted by PELLEY and the others referred to, and had friendly access to their headquarters at all times, and that if there is a regular mailing list of subscribers to the magazine "Liberation", and known members of the organization, he will endeavor to obtain such lists, but that in his opinion this may require some time.

FOISTER advised further that he has heard a lot of talk about ROY ZACHARY, who is known as Field Major, or outside contact man for the Silver Shirt organization, but that he had never met him personally. He was questioned regarding his knowledge of KENNETH ALEXANDER, who has been previously mentioned in report from the El Paso Office, in the case entitled PABLO L. DELGADO, et al; NEUTRALITY MATTERS, El Paso, Origin, (Charlotte file 64-3), and who it was subsequently ascertained is now employed at the U. S. Veteran's Facility, Otten, North Carolina, but he advised that he was not acquainted with ALEXANDER, and had not heard his name mentioned.

During this interview, FOISTER mentioned that a Mrs. MARY SALMON had come to Asheville about a year and one-half ago in a trailer and had lived in this trailer while constructing a home on Arco Road. He stated that he had installed an all wave band radio with outside aerial while this home was in the process of construction, and that he believed there was something mysterious about the house, as she, Mrs. SALMON, had performed most of the labor herself. He stated that this house was very nicely furnished, and that she seems to have plenty of money. He stated that she was formerly a Spiritualist or Medium, who came to Asheville from New York, and that most of her work with the PELLEY organization since coming to Asheville has been along the lines dealing with metaphysics and other kindred subjects. He stated that he has visited

at her home several times, and she has advised him recently that she had converted most of her neighbors, particularly the operator of the Novelty Shop nearby, but that she had been unable to do anything with the person who resides across the street in front of her house. He further advised that a Mr. ~~JEFFRIES~~ lives with Mrs. SALMON, and he usually rides to town every day with a Post Office employee, who is believed friendly to the Silver Shirt organization, and that it is his understanding that Mrs. JEFFRIES is also employed by the organization and Pelley Publisher's Incorporated. He stated that at various times Mrs. SALMON has furnished him with copies of the Silver Shirt literature, and that he knows she is a member of the Silver Shirt organization, but that he has never advised her of his own connection. He stated, however, that due to the fact that he has done most of her radio work, and was referred to her by the Pelley organization, she knows that he is at least a sympathizer.

It should be noted that this person is apparently the same one referred to by informant RUBY LaFOON, although the spelling of the last name is different. The reason for believing that these persons are one and the same is due to the fact that their physical descriptions are similar, and the address furnished in both instances is the same.

FOISTER further advised that while he believes a great many of PELLEYS teachings along metaphysical lines, he did not sympathize with his political views and had always felt that PELLEY believed he had a good thing and was only using his organization for his own financial benefit. He states insofar as he knows there is nothing to connect the PELLEY organization directly with any foreign government, although he has shown a preference in obtaining members of German and Italian origin, and that he is no doubt in entire sympathy with HITLER and his persecution of the Jew. He stated that he had attended a number of group meetings which were usually attended by not more than twenty-five persons; that these meetings were not organized on any set-up, according to the outline or ritual originally perfected by PELLEY, and that most of the meetings seemed primarily for the discussion of metaphysical subjects, interspersed with such information as PELLEY or CUMMINGS might wish to impart to the group. He stated that so far as he knows, there is no separate women's group or other organization; that there was no military unit in the usual sense, but that he did know that the members like to get together and go out into the country for the purpose of engaging in target practice, and it was generally accepted that each member should be armed and should be proficient in the use of arms, in order that they would know how to use them in the event of a revolution or some similar disturbance. In this connection, he

stated that at these meetings during their discussion along metaphysical lines they were often told how it might be possible to control mobs or riots, by use of mob psychology. He stated that it was his impression from attending these meetings and the various conversations had with PELLEY and other leaders that the purpose behind the instructions that all members should be armed was that they should be equipped with facts and should be prepared to take over when the revolution which they feel sure is bound to come takes place, at which time the government will be overthrown, probably by the Communists, wherein it will be necessary for the Silver Shirts to take over and be in a position to take charge of the new governmental set-up, with PELLEY at the head. He further advised that he had installed a radio in the home of Mrs. OLIVE DORGAN, who writes under the nom de plume of FIELDING BURKE, and that after reading from her books and published articles, he had noticed that these writings indicated that she might have very definite communistic leanings. He stated that he learned that she had donated several large sums of money and had helped some of her neighbors financially. He stated that on one occasion after several previous contacts he had shown her some of the PELLEY literature, at which time she seemed shocked to think that he might be a sympathizer with such an organization, and that she had suggested that he stop reading such literature, in lieu of which she offered to furnish him with certain communistic literature, which she had in her possession. He stated that he believed he could obtain more definite information concerning the activities of this person and possibly some of the literature in her possession should same be desired.

FOISTER appeared to be absolutely sincere in his expressed desire to assist the Bureau in any way possible, and stated that he would make every effort to obtain more specific information regarding the present organizational set-up, securing names of leaders and places where the organization may have posts, or where the Silver Shirt following may be the strongest.

The writer and Agent DELAVIGNE interviewed informant WILLIAM HENRY CASHATT in the presence of Chief of Police CHARLES DERMID. CASHATT advised he had at one time been closely associated with TAYLOR BLEDSOE and through him had become interested in the Silver Shirts, and at BLEDSOE'S suggestion had joined the Silver Shirts in order to find out all he could about the organization, its aims, purposes, and membership. He stated that he became a member of the Silver Shirts in August, 1937 at which time he received a membership card signed by WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, which card merely indicated that he was a member of the Silver Shirt Legion of America.

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CASHATT indicated that through continued association with PELLEY and other members of the organization, he now accepted most of the teachings of PELLEY regarding both the metaphysical beliefs and PELLEY'S stand on the alleged communistic attitude of the Jews in this country. He stated that for this reason in the event of any change in the present government brought about by the Communists, he would ally himself to the PELLEY organization in an attempt to prevent it. He further stated that while he is a member of the Silver Shirts, in good standing, he is first an American, and a democrat, and in favor of the present administration: that secondly, he is a police officer. CASHATT indicated a willingness to assist the Bureau in any way possible in instant investigation. He stated he does not believe the PELLEY organization is engaged in subversive or unAmerican activities, but advised that if the organization is so engaged he would willingly furnish any information he might possibly obtain and turn the same over to Bureau Agents. He stated that at this time he has in his possession one copy each of practically all the PELLEY publications: that he will turn same over to Bureau Agents and make efforts to obtain obtain copies of future publications and also furnish them. He stated that since the State case against PELLEY, when the organization records were seized, the organization has made it a policy not to keep any records of either members or subscribers to the publications. He stated that he is not positive of the location or membership of any of the posts of the organization: that he will observe the bulk mail and express being sent out, obtaining names and addresses in this manner. In this connection CASHATT stated that most of the publications of the organization are sent out in bulk by mail or express to distribution points in the various states: that a great portion of this seems to be sent to the Pacific Coast.

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At this point he advised that it was his information that the Silver Shirt organization was particularly strong and well organized in the State of Washington, and that the ritual proposed by PELLEY in the Accolade Services and committing manual of the Silver Legion of America, published by PELLEY, is followed more closely. He stated he believed that the Post in the state of Washington was located at Wenatchee. One copy of the Manual referred to above is presently available. Efforts will be made to secure two additional copies, at which time they will be forwarded to the Bureau.

CASHATT went on to state that during 1938 the organization had joined hands with the Washington State Police in quelling certain strike disturbances in some of the coastal cities, in connection with the shipping strike. In this connection he stated that the organization came out into the open and wore the established silver shirt uniform.



CASHATT also advised that the son of a Major in the Army Medical Corps, who acts as physician to the Washington State Police, and probably for the Silver Shirt organization, had been assigned as body guard to PELLEY, and had accompanied PELLEY on numerous trips throughout the country, coming to Asheville on two occasions. He stated the son is a football player and is now attending the Washington State University at Seattle.

CASHATT also advised that the Silver Shirts had a complete state ticket at the last election in Washington State, at which time PELLEY headed the list as nominee for presidency of the United States.

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CASHATT further advised that in his opinion, the Silver Shirts are very strongly organized in the State of California, and that the Silver RANGER is still being published in California. He further informed that the organization is strong and well organized at Detroit, Michigan, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Birmingham, Alabama, and in New York State, and at one time had established headquarters at Washington, D.C. He stated he does not believe the organization has a headquarters in Washington, D.C., at this time, but that PELLEY frequently makes trips to Washington, probably to confer with his attorney there.

In this connection, it is desired to point out that informant RUBY LaFOON on interview stated that during his conversations with Mrs. L. T. SALVEST and L. CUMMINGS, they had indicated to him that the Silver shirts have Posts at Germantown and Yorkville, New York.

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CASHATT advised that PELLEY is away from Asheville most of the time, making speeches and contacts at the various Post headquarters; that he knows that PELLEY has spoken before NAZI RUND meetings in the larger cities in the United States. He stated that he has seen NAZI literature, printed in English at Berlin, Germany, at the Asheville headquarters and knows that all members of the organization are in strong sympathy with HITLER'S handling of the Jewish situation, but that he has no reason to believe they have been solicited by representatives of the German Government to engage in subversive or espionage activities. He stated that he has never seen at Asheville a representative of the German Government, or even a German speaking person, but that all members are intensely interested in the English radio broadcasts of German news emanating from Germany, and that many of the members at Asheville possess all wave band radios for this purpose.

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CASHATT further advised that there is no woman's organization or youth organization in the Silver Shirt Legion of America at Asheville, men and women being accepted alike. He was questioned regarding the often-published statement of the Silver Shirts "to be armed", and advised that it was his understanding that this meant and was interpreted by other members to mean to be armed with knowledge and not with firearms. In this connection, CASHATT stated he knows nothing concerning any military unit among the Silver Shirt organization at Asheville, but did state he knows several United States Army officers in the past have written letters to the organization at Asheville, expressing sympathy with its views and offering to aid. He advised that the organization meetings are attended by the members in ordinary street dress; that only PELLEY wears the Silver Shirt Uniform. He compared these meetings to religious club gatherings, similar to Christian Science meetings. When asked for his belief as to the real aims of the organization, he stated he sincerely believed the aims are to be prepared to take control of the United States in the event of overthrow of the present form of government by the Communists; and thus to bring about the re-organization of the Government under the PELLEY scheme.

CASHATT stated he had been offered a job in the Silver Shirt organization, the exact nature of which he did not know, which he stated he will accept in the event he loses his present position with the Asheville Police Department.

CASHATT was questioned with a view to ascertaining some information regarding the two packages which were thrown into the French Broad River, by two men recently, as set out hereinabove. CASHATT stated that he had not heard this incident referred to by CUMMINGS, TALPEY, or any of the other members. He stated that on the Saturday night preceding this episode, his, CASHATT'S, wife had been visiting the A. H. E. TALPEY'S residence; that on her return home later that evening she had told him that TALPEY had mentioned to her that his car had been stolen that night. CASHATT seemed convinced that CUMMINGS and TALPEY were not the two men who had been seen throwing the packages into the River, stating he could see no possible reason for their so doing.

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CASHATT advised that he visits the PELLEY headquarters very frequently, and that he will observe the mail being sent out to the various headquarters and in this manner attempt to obtain names and addresses which he will furnish to Agents. He also advised that he will attempt to obtain copies of the current publications of the organization from time to time, and will furnish same to Agents.

It is the impression of the writer from the interview with CASHATT that he through his association with the Silver Shirt organization has gradually come to sympathize with their methods and objectives, although it is not believed that CASHATT has actually accepted the political views and teachings of PELLEY.

CASHATT was impressed with the confidential nature of this investigation, and advised that he will continue to keep same strictly confidential. It was further determined from CASHATT, that no word regarding Agents' activities during the preceding several days in instant investigation had reached the members of the Silver Shirt organization.

On December 31, 1938 Post Office Inspector ~~HELMICK~~ at Asheville, telephoned the Charlotte Division and advised that a Mrs. ~~STEVENSON~~, 243 Chestnut Street, Asheville, North Carolina, had become suspicious of certain persons staying at her boarding house, and believed that they might be involved in espionage activities.

On January 25, 1939, Agent K. T. L. L. VIGNE contacted Inspector ~~HELMICK~~ at Asheville, at which time he was advised that he, ~~HELMICK~~, had contacted Mrs. STEVENSON at the above address and had been advised by her that she had become suspicious of one THORNTON L. ~~WOTLEY~~, who had been referred to her by one IMMEDIATO, an Italian professor from Columbia University. Inspector ~~HELMICK~~ further advised that Mrs. STEVENSON had also become suspicious of a woman giving her name as MARGARITA ~~JONASEN~~, who told everyone that she was a Norwegian, but who on occasion of meeting other Norwegians had shown her inability to speak this language, but on the other hand had shown that she was able to speak German fluently.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. I. MITCHELL, in connection with the above information:

Mrs. M. D. ~~STEVENSON~~, 232 Chestnut Street, Asheville, North Carolina, stated that MARGARITA JONASEN stayed at her home (as a paying guest) from July 27, 1938 to about August 23, 1938. She gave the following information regarding Miss JONASEN:

JONASEN stated that her mother lived at Stavanger, Norway; that she had a brother who is publisher of a political newspaper in Norway; that another brother who is employed on a Paris newspaper. JONASEN'S father was a minister and a lecturer, and is now deceased.

JONASEN stated that she was waiting for some friends to come from the West Coast. These friends were evidently a Mr. and Mrs. ~~BASSO~~, who later called to see Miss JONASEN. The BASSO'S were

supposed to have a home in New Orleans, La. Immediately after the PASSO'S called on Miss JONASEN, she departed from Mrs. STEVENSON'S home, stating that she was going to spend a few days with the PASSO'S at their camp on Pisgah Mountain; however, JONASEN never returned to Mrs. STEVENSON'S home (as she was supposed to), neither has Mrs. STEVENSON ever heard from her.

While at Mrs. STEVENSON'S home, JONASEN became very well acquainted with Dr. and Mrs. IMMELIATO, who rented Mrs. STEVENSON'S summer house. Dr. GERARD IMMELIATO is instructor in Civil and Electrical Engineering in Columbia University; he is reported to have made a lot of money in Mexican Government bonds; the IMMELIATO'S have rented a room from Mrs. STEVENSON for the summer of 1939. The IMMELIATO'S invited Miss JONASEN to visit them in New York city whenever she was again in the East.

Mrs. STEVENSON said that JONASEN was a well-educated, well-rounded young woman; about 25 years old, 5'4" tall, 150 pounds, very muscular and athletic; greyish-blue eyes, Norwegian; lovely manners; clever imitator, excellent conversationalist; wore no jewelry, always elegantly dressed, good sportswoman, excellent horsewoman; bridge player and golfer.

Mrs. STEVENSON stated that on different occasions, JONASEN would be worried about money and would come to her regarding the matter. Then JONASEN would sit around the house with the other guests until 11:30 P.M.; then leave the house, alone, and go to the corner drugstore and call a taxi. JONASEN would not return to the house until about 1:30 or 2:00 A.M., and the next morning would have plenty of money. On these trips, JONASEN would never leave the house with anyone, nor would she return with anyone (as far as Mrs. STEVENSON knew). In fact, during her entire stay, JONASEN never had a male caller at the Stevenson home. Mrs. STEVENSON further stated that JONASEN never received any mail at her home, neither did JONASEN ever mail any letters from her home.

Mrs. STEVENSON was of the opinion that JONASEN could not speak Norwegian, as she (STEVENSON) called in a Norwegian friend and JONASEN could not speak very much, if any, Norwegian, but could speak German.

Mrs. STEVENSON stated that she presently had a guest named THORNTON MOTLEY of New York, who had been severely injured in an automobile accident. MOTLEY had been sent to her home by Dr. IMMELIATO. She stated that MOTLEY'S half brother was one of the founders of the Lafayette Escadrille. He also has a half-sister,

MARION HEALEY, of New York City. MOTLEY is a "big shot" in the American Legion in New York City, according to Mrs. STEVENSON. At the time of Agent's visit, MOTLEY was occupying his room, and Mrs. STEVENSON was very cautious lest he become cognizant of Agent's visit. She described MOTLEY as follows:

Age	38
Height	5'6"
Weight	165
Build	Stocky
Hair	Brunett
Nationality	Irish
Remarks	Member N. Y. Athletic Club.

Mrs. STEVENSON described the BASSO'S as follows:

Name	MR. BASSO	MRS. BASSO
Height	5'6"	5'6"
Age	38-40	38-40
Weight	160	145
Speech	accent, probably Italian	accent, probably Italian
Occup.	Biographer	
Resid.	New Orleans, La., probably.	
	Both dressed very plainly.	

Mrs. STEVENSON stated that Miss JONASEN was a member of the Alpine Ski Club; that JONASEN was in American during the winter of 1937-38, so that JONASEN must have exceeded her passport limit of 6 months (as JONASEN was not a student, who is allowed one year). Mrs. STEVENSON gave Agent JONASEN'S registration card, and also another small card, both of which contain JONASEN'S handwriting, and which are being retained in this file.

In an effort to obtain information relative to the shipment of bulk packages from the PELLEY publishing company by express to various points throughout the United States, investigation was conducted at the Railway Express Agency, 118 Patton Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina by Special Agent L. L. MITCHELL.

J. H. JONES, Manager, stated that the Pelley organization sent quite a large amount of literature via railway express, although not as much at the present time as in the past. JONES stated that most of the shipments were to the West Coast, as the rates were cheaper by Railway Express than by Parcel Post. These packages are quite large, and are sent around the latter part of

the week. JONES recalled that he had noticed that the Pelley organization sent a package to Washington, D. C., almost every day: they seemed to be very anxious about this package, and if the express truck driver did not pick up the package immediately after they called, they (PELLEY'S MEN) would bring the package down to the office. JONES stated that he had not noticed whether or not the organization was still sending this daily package to Washington, D. C., but would keep a sharp lookout for it in the future. JONES stated that he had seen literature printed by PELLEY'S press, but had paid very little attention to it. He said that his truck driver would often bring some of the literature into the office, as PELLEY'S men did not hesitate to give the driver (L. L. RHODES), the literature. JONES thought that RHODES could be trusted, if contacted by Agent. JONES further stated that all shipments by the Pelley organization were made under the name of the "Foundation Fellowship", and all receipts are made out in that name. JONES stated that he would make every effort to check each shipment that was sent by the Foundation Fellowship, and would furnish Agent with this mailing list.

JONES ALSO informed that a man named MAVERLY F. KILPATRICK would probably know a great deal about PELLEY'S operations, as KILPATRICK is a former bank cashier (whose bank legitimately went out of business), and has since acted as investigator for insurance companies. KILPATRICK presently is credit manager of the Morris-Austen Store, dealers in electric equipment, located at 120 Patten Avenue, Asheville.

MAVERLY F. KILPATRICK, Credit Manager of the Morris-Austen Company, 120 Patten Avenue, stated that he knew BILL PELLEY well, and had often had long conversations with him. He immediately stated that he was in no way connected with Pelley's organization. The reason for Kilpatrick's acquaintance with PELLEY was due to the fact that FITZPATRICK purchased the Biltmore Press for his step-son, R. P. "BOB" WILLIAMS; that when PELLEY first came to Asheville, BOB WILLIAMS did all of PELLEY'S printing. KILPATRICK stated that he believed PELLEY was a brilliant and sincere man, but was a "crack-pot", as far as mysticism and religion were concerned. KILPATRICK stated that PELLEY'S organization was strongest on the West Coast: that it was very weak around Asheville, in fact, people in the vicinity paid very little attention to PELLEY and his organization. KILPATRICK stated that Agent should contact his step-son, BOB WILLIAMS, who should be able to give a goodly amount of information on PELLEY. However, KILPATRICK explained, BOB WILLIAMS has not done any of PELLEY'S printing (as far as Kilpatrick knows) since the time when PELLEY went into bankruptcy. This was due to the fact that BOB WILLIAMS had decided that continuing to print for PELLEY would do his, WILLIAMS', business more

harm than good, consequently, WILLIAMS watched for an opportunity to cause an open break with PELLEY, and on one occasion when PELLEY had some expedite printing to be done, WILLIAMS, refused to do it on the excuse that he had other rush orders in ahead of Pelley's, consequently, PELLEY got angry, and established his own printing plant. KILPATRICK informed that BOB SUMMERVILLE, one of Pelley's former "right-hand men" had worked in Williams' printing shop as SUMMERVILLE was PELLEY'S proof reader. SUMMERVILLE was a former newspaper man, connected with a large Chicago Chain of newspapers, who had become so interested in PELLEY'S teachings that he, SUMMERVILLE, had put about forty or fifty thousand dollars of his money into PELLEY'S organization; consequently, becoming one of PELLEY'S closest associates. KILPATRICK stated that PELLEY and SUMMERVILLE made frequent trips to California and other parts of the West Coast, and that on one trip, SUMMERVILLE married a girl who was a Communist. Thereafter, SUMMERVILLE and PELLEY drifted apart, due to SUMMERVILLE'S wife being a Communist, and PELLEY finally "kicked" SUMMERVILLE out of the organization. However, it is KILPATRICK'S belief that SUMMERVILLE was only kicked out by PELLEY for the impression it would make on the anti-Communist sympathizers, and that SUMMERVILLE is probably presently connected with PELLEY as an "under-cover" man. KILPATRICK stated that he would make every endeavor to find out as much as possible regarding the PELLEY organization, and would furnish same to Agent.

Major R. M. ~~FITZPATRICK~~, United States Army, Instructor of Reserve Officers in the Asheville district, stated that he had made a detailed investigation of the Silver Shirts' activities to the War Department, and had sent the report to the Commanding General of the Fourth Corps Area, at Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that the information which he had ascertained had been mostly negative, and, he thought, of very little importance. Major FITZPATRICK indicated that his chief sources of information were Captain VICTOR ~~COOK~~ and FRANK L. ~~CONLER~~, both of Enka, North Carolina, where they are employed by the Enka Rayon Corporation. CONLER is the head of the protective and investigative work of the Enka Corporation, and is very well informed on matters in the Asheville, North Carolina vicinity, according to Major FITZPATRICK. CONLER is a former Asheville City Clerk, and former head of the Buncombe County Police. Major FITZPATRICK will be re-contacted at a later date, and after this contact, a copy of his report will be requested from the Commanding General of the Fourth Corps Area.

Mr. I. R. ~~WAGNER~~, Manager of the Veterans' Facility Oteen, North Carolina, was interviewed regarding the activities of KENNETH BLAINE ~~ALEXANDER~~. Mr. WAGNER is a World War Veteran, and is very much opposed to any subversive organization. He stated that although he did not know about ALEXANDER'S activities as a Silver Shirt, he would immediately conduct a private and confidential

investigation of ALEXANDER, and would furnish this information to Agent. He indicated that he would not have an employee who was connected with any organization, but Agent specifically informed him that that was a personal matter between himself and his employees, and one in which the Bureau had no interest whatsoever. Dr. WAGNER stated that he was of the opinion that the following persons were reliable, and would probably be in a position to give valuable information: BERGEN PENNEL, N. C. State Commander of the American Legion, who can be located at Asheville; Mr. PENNINGTON, Postmaster at Oteen, N. C. Both of these men are Veterans, very much opposed to subversive activities and organizations, and are probably in a position to either know or obtain information of the desired type.

Lt. WAGNER furnished Agent with the personnel file of KENNETH BLAINE ALEXANDER, which indicates as follows:

Born July 17, 1907, according to the most recent personnel form executed by ALEXANDER. However, the original application blank of ALEXANDER was filed under the name of KENNETH BLAINE, and the date of birth was given as July 17, 1905. This situation was cleared up by a statement from ALEXANDER that he had been born KENNETH BLAINE; that his father had died when KENNETH was very young; that he had been taken into the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. ALEXANDER of Indianapolis, Indiana; and had been cared for and educated by the ALEXANDERS; that his mother during her lifetime, would never consent to his adoption by the ALEXANDERS; that his mother died in 1927 and that in that year he had been legally adopted by the ALEXANDERS according to their wishes; consequently, his name was changed from KENNETH BLAINE to KENNETH BLAINE ALEXANDER. There appeared some correspondence in the file regarding the discrepancy in the date of birth, which ALEXANDER later seems to have cleared up by stating he was actually born on July 17, 1907, at Indianapolis, Ind.

The following description of KENNETH ALEXANDER was obtained from his personnel file:

Height	5'8"
Weight	150½
Occupation	Physiotherapist
Marital Status	Married, wife age 28, (1936) one child, JAMES THOMAS ALEXANDER, 6 months (evidently in 1936)
Employer	Veterans Administration, since Nov. 4, 1927. Present salary \$1820 per year. Arrived at Oteen, N.C., for duty, Dec. 21, 1936.

There was a notation in the file that while on leave, date unknown, Alexander could be reached at 1141 Lincoln Street,



Hinsdale, Illinois, care of WILLIAM CLANCEY.

Further information regarding ALEXANDER will be furnished by Dr. WAGNER at a later date.

The writer interviewed ALVIN S. KARTUS, Attorney, with offices in the Flat Iron Building, who advised that he had been responsible for the original investigation wherein PELLELY was finally convicted in state court. He stated that he had been contacted by influential persons in New York City, whose names he declined to disclose, and that these persons had requested that he conduct an investigation in Asheville for the purpose of preventing PELLELY and his associates from carrying on their propaganda, and persecution of the Jews through his various publications, and that as a result of his investigation he had determined that the various PELLELY enterprises then in existence were insolvent, and had caused a receivership, which finally resulted in bankruptcy proceedings and prosecution in State Court under the North Carolina Security Act. He stated that at one time he had examined some 200,000 letters which had been seized at the time the receivership was first put into effect, and that most of the valuable information contained therein had been turned over to various organizations and congressional committees interested in investigating Un-American Activities in this country. He stated that due to the fact that both the Government and the State were investigating the various PELLELY organizations at practically the same time, much of the valuable information contained in the confidential files of the PELLELY organizations had been scattered, and that he no longer had in his possession anything of value to instant investigation. He stated, however, that within the past several months he had been contacted by representatives of other Government agencies, and had furnished them with such information as he had available at that time. He further advised that during the course of his original investigation, he had employed a woman informant for the purpose of obtaining information regarding PELLELY'S social activities, and that as a result of the work done by this woman, wherein it was indicated that PELLELY might be subject to a possible White Slave Traffic Act violation, PELLELY had divorced his first wife and married one MINNIE HANSMAN, who is alleged to have traveled with him in the guise of his secretary for sometime prior to their marriage. Further effort will be made to obtain the name of this informant for possible future use in instant investigation.

Mr. KARTUS further advised that during the past two years the Silver Shirt organization at Asheville had been comparatively quiet, although they had continued to get out their weekly publication, the magazine known as "Liberation", and that he had therefore not kept in as close touch with their activities as he formerly had.

Mr. KARTUS was unable to furnish any further information of value to instant investigation at this time.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent G. W. CARLSON:

Mr. BERGEN PENNELL, State Commander, ~~American Legion~~, was contacted with reference to Subversive Activities on the part of the Silver Shirts in Asheville. No information of value was obtained concerning this organization, however, he advised that he considered PELLELY a dangerous man, but he had inquired for the last twelve months, and the people in Asheville seemed to be taking it for granted that he is not doing anything out of line. Mr. PENNELL also advised that a Dr. O. F. ~~Eckel~~, with offices in the Haywood Building, had complained to him concerning literature being circulated in the schools; however, on February 2, 1939 Dr. ECKELS was interviewed, and he stated that this was a reference to obscene literature and he knew nothing about PELLELY'S organization. PENNELL further advised that he would through some of his connections, attempt to obtain information of value, and suggested that he be contacted at a later date. He was very cooperative and seemed very much interested. He further stated that the legion set up with reference to Anti propaganda activities is this: They have a state organization and also local organizations; however, in Asheville, they have done nothing toward this activity except in an educational manner in the schools.

With a view to obtaining a reliable contact in the neighborhood of PELLELY'S home, 20 Sylvan Avenue, it was ascertained that LEONARD J. ~~POOLE~~, an employee of DAVIS STEELE COMPANY, who lives just across the street from PELLELY can be trusted with reference to a neighborhood investigation; however, Mr. POOLE has not yet been contacted, but investigation will be continued in an effort to develop this man as a possible informant. Agent CARLSON also made inquiry at the Regional Director's Office, General Writers' Project, Asheville, N. C., with a view to determining the present address of Miss CARROLL COSTELLO. It was ~~ascertained~~ that Miss COSTELLO can be reached care of WILLIAM T. ~~COUCH~~, Regional Director, Federal Writers Project, University Press, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent K. T. DELAVIGNE while contacting Honorable MARCUS ~~ERWIN~~, United States Attorney, Western District of North Carolina, on other official business. Mr. ERWIN turned over to this Agent a memorandum dated at Asheville, North Carolina on October 5, 1938,

furnished him by Miss MAY JONES, Official Stenographer, United States District Court, Asheville, North Carolina. This letter advised that about the first week of September, 1938 the Citizens Transfer Company, Asheville, North Carolina delivered at #10 Linden Avenue, a large shipment of five gallon cans and two large wooden boxes to the home of Dr. HENRY J. MAHLER, Chiroprapist, with offices at 10 Linden Avenue. The letter further states that Dr. MAHLER assisted in the unloading and moving of the cans and boxes into his home and has since been seen on numerous occasions removing some of the cans from his home with the assistance of others. This letter indicates that Dr. MAHLER supposedly is from Chicago, Illinois, and has a considerable business in Asheville and Wilmington, North Carolina, and in New York. It further indicates that just prior to October, 1938 Dr. MAHLER appeared to have been wounded and it was reported that he received this wound while in New York attending the NAZI celebration, and in which he is said to have participated. The letter also indicates that Dr. MAHLER has many mysterious meetings at his home; that while the people are gathered there, the house is darkened and that just before HITLER'S Austrian Putsch, there was great activity at the MAHLER home, both day and night. The letter further indicates that large quantities of Silver Shirt Literature is mailed from the office of Dr. MAHLER in the Haywood Building, at Asheville, North Carolina; that Dr. H. A. HEINZERLING, old Haw Creek Road, RFD, Asheville, North Carolina, has his office with Dr. MAHLER, and his interests are identical with MAHLER'S.

The writer, upon inquiry of Deputy Sheriff FRANK MESSER, ascertained that both of the above mentioned doctors are known locally, although, MESSER was unable to furnish any detailed information concerning them. A lead is being set out to interview Miss MAY JONES, Asheville, North Carolina, for additional information in this regard.

By letter dated January 19, 1939 from the Louisville Office, information was furnished to the effect that one CLYDE GOODELL of HANCOCK Road, Williamstown, Mass., had called at the Louisville Field Division and advised that he was recently bumming a freight train ride from Memphis, Tennessee to Louisville, Kentucky, and that at the same time there was with him in this box car, one CARL PRESCOTT, who gave his address as New York City. GOODELL advised that PRESCOTT was talking in a radical manner, the exact nature of which he could not state; however, that PRESCOTT appeared to be a member of the Silver Shirts Organization with headquarters at Asheville, North Carolina. He further advised that PRESCOTT had informed him that the Silver Shirts would furnish aid to bums who were out of money and needed to obtain transportation from one part of the country to another. A lead is being set out for the Boston

Office to contact CLYDE GOODELL of Hancock Road, Williamstown, Massachusetts, in order to obtain more detailed information concerning CARL TRESKOTT, who gave his address as New York City.

*This was turned down*

The writer contacted E. L. ~~BISHOP~~<sup>V</sup>, Assistant Postmaster, who advised that he has been watching the mail addressed to the Pelley Publishing Company for another branch of the government, and that in the future he would make every effort to check the bulk mail leaving Asheville in an effort to ascertain the names and addresses and location of the various posts where this mail is being sent, throughout the country. He further advised that most of the mail sent out from Asheville by the Pelley organization is received at the Asheville Post Office in mail sacks, and that he had no authority to open these mail sacks in order to determine where the individual pieces might be directed, and would have to obtain authority from the Postmaster General at Washington, D. C. The Bureau is being advised of the verbal request for the mail cover made by the writer, by letter, and the above information relative to the bulk mail being sent out by the PELLEY organization, is also being referred to in this letter, and it is being left to the discretion of the Bureau as to whether authority will be obtained from the Postmaster General to have the mail sacks opened.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. I. SULLIVAN:

AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge EDWARD SCHEIDT, the following information was obtained by Agent from a confidential source in Charleston. This informant advised that he had made an investigation of PELLEY and his organizations and exhibited a copy of this investigation. Upon examination of the file in the Charlotte Division, it was found that there was nothing in this investigation which has not already been covered, therefore it is not being set out in this report. This informant furnished a copy of a letter addressed to the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York City dated October 3, 1928, wherein WILLIAM LUDLEY PELLEY set out a statement of his assets and liabilities as of that time. Due to the fact that this Bureau made an accounting investigation of the PELLEY organization at a date subsequent to this, this letter is not being set out in this report, but is being retained as an exhibit.

The informant furnished the following literature which in some way relates to the PELLEY organization: 1 copy "No More Hunger", by PELLEY; 1 copy of "The ~~Eighth~~ Council, headed ~~This Way Little Jew~~"; 1 copy pamphlet on PELLEY PUBLICATIONS headed ~~What you Should Know About the Pelley Publications~~"; 1 floater, ~~How to Join the Silver Shirts~~"; 1 large newspaper floater, headed ~~The Solution of America's~~

Troubles", "The ~~✓~~Christian Commonwealth at a Glance". He also furnished several articles clipped from the following magazines:

1 article apparently clipped from the December 3, 1938 issue of the Liberty Magazine, headed ~~✓~~"Spies on your Doorstep" by WALTER ~~✓~~KARIG.

1 article clipped from June, 1934 ~~✓~~"REAL AMERICA", called ~~✓~~"Unmasking the Silver Shirts", by MILTON S. ~~✓~~MAYER.

1 article from the "REAL AMERICA" issue of August, 1934 headed ~~✓~~"Farewell to the Silver Shirts", by MILTON S. ~~✓~~MAYER.

The above mentioned articles were carefully examined and found to contain no information of value to the instant investigation, and are being returned to the informant in this case.

With reference to the publications listed above as being publications of the PELLELY Company, these will be retained in the Charlotte Field Division until sufficient number of copies are obtained and will be forwarded to the Bureau at that time.

At the suggestion of the informant in this case, a copy of the February 9, 1939 ~~✓~~Ken Magazine was obtained, and it will be noted that on page 64, there is an article headed ~~✓~~"BILL PELLELY'S NIGHTMARE", by HARLAND ~~✓~~MANCHESTER. This magazine is being forwarded to the Bureau together with this report.

This informant turned over to Agent a list of names and addresses of persons known to have communicated with WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLELY or the Pelley Publishing Company at Asheville, North Carolina, during the two weeks prior to the first of February, 1939. Subsequently, this informant forwarded to the Charlotte Division an additional list covering the same period.

Copies of these lists were made and are being submitted to the Bureau in triplicate.

This informant advised that a member of his organization who is presently stationed in Greensboro, North Carolina had joined the Silver Shirt organization in an effort to obtain complete copies of all literature issued by this organization, and if possible to obtain inside information as to its aims and purposes.

ENCLOSURES: TO BUREAU: 1 copy Ken Magazine, dated 2-9-39.  
3 Copies of a list of names and addresses of persons known to have communicated with Wm. D. PELLELY or the Pelley Publishing Co., at Asheville, N. C.

ALL OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS REPORT WILL CHECK THEIR FILES ON SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, AND FURNISH THE BUREAU AND THE CHARLOTTE FIELD DIVISION WITH ANY INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY AS TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL SET-UP IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS, REGARDING THE VARIOUS POSTS, MEMBERS AND ACTIVITIES OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION at Los Angeles, Calif. will endeavor to ascertain the connection of MARY I. STEWART, who is reported to stop at the Rosslyn Hotel when spending the winter in Los Angeles, with the Silver Shirt Legion of America, and the Mexican Revolutionist, PABLO L. EELGALO.

THE MIAMI DIVISION at Miami, Fla., will contact VERNON HAT THORNE, State Attorney, in reference to information furnished by him to the Honorable MARCUS ERWIN, United States Attorney, at Asheville, North Carolina on December 21, 1933, regarding the activities of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY in the Silver Shirt Organization in the vicinity of Miami. Will attempt to obtain information from him regarding the present activities of this organization.

THE NEW YORK DIVISION at Germantown, N. Y., will endeavor to ascertain whether or not the Silver Shirt Legion of American, Inc., has an active Post in that city.

THE BUFFALO DIVISION at Yorkville, N. Y., will endeavor to ascertain whether or not the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., has an active Post in that city.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION at Oklahoma City, Okla., will refer particularly to their file 65-1, concerning information obtained regarding the organizational set-up of the Silver Shirt Legion of America at Oklahoma City, and will endeavor to ascertain whether or not this organization is still active at that place.

THE SEATTLE DIVISION at Olympia, Washington, will endeavor to obtain information through the Washington State Police regarding the identity of a Major of the Army Medical Corps who is reported to act as their physician. Will ascertain whether this individual has any connection with the Silver Shirts of America. It should be noted that information has been received that this physician's son has acted as body guard for WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, Chief of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc.

Will conduct general investigation of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated and their activities in the State of Washington, in view of the fact that information has been

received that this organization is particularly strong in that section of the country, and further because it has been reported that the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated had a State ticket in the field at the last general election held in the State of Washington, and are reported to have assisted the Washington State Police in quelling certain strike disorders in the coastal cities in the State of Washington.

THE BOSTON DIVISION at Williamstown, Mass., will at Hancock Road, interview CLYLE GOODELL for additional information in connection with CARL PRESCOTT, who furnished his address as New York City, and is supposedly a member of the Silver Shirt organization.

THE DETROIT DIVISION at Cassville, Michigan, will endeavor to ascertain the connection of MARY I. STEWART with the Silver Shirt Legion of America, and with PABLO L. LEIGALO, Mexican Revolutionist.

THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION at Chapel Hill, N.C., will contact Miss CARROLL COSTELLO, care William T. Couch, Regional Director Federal Writers' Project, University Press, and obtain from her all information in her possession regarding the activities of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, and the Silver Shirt Legion of America.

At Asheville, N.C., with the assistance of Deputy Sheriff FRANK MESSER, will interview ROBERT P. WILLIAMS, owner, The BILTMORE PRESS, and obtain from him all information in his possession regarding the activities of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY and the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated.

Will re-contact BERGEN PENNELL, N. C. State Commander American Legion, for similar information.

Will continue inquiries to develop LEONARD J. POOLE, who resides near the home of W. D. PELLEY at 20 Sylvan Avenue, with a view to developing POOLE into a contact who could furnish information regarding the activities of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY.

Will re-contact ALVIN KARTUS, Attorney in the Flat Iron Building for the purpose of obtaining the name of the woman informant used during the investigation conducted by him regarding the activities of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY.

Will re-contact informant WILLIAM HENRY CASHATT at the Asheville Police Department and ascertain what additional information he is able to offer. Will also obtain from CASHATT copies of the various publications of the Pelley organization.

Will interview informant DEWEY ALLAN FOISTER, 982 Haywood Road, for similar information.

Will conduct a discreet interview with STEVE CREASMAN, JR., Radio Repair Department, Sears-Roebuck Company and obtain any information in his possession regarding the activities of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY and the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc.

Will maintain contact with Chief of Police CHARLES DERMID.

Will interview Miss MAY JONES, official stenographer United States District Court, relative to the information furnished by her in her letter to the United States Attorney, MARCUS ERWIN, relative to Doctors HENRY J. DAHLER and H. A. HEINZERLING.

Will report the results of the ~~mail~~ cover placed on the PELLEY organization at the post office at Asheville.

Will re-contact Mr. J. H. JONES, Manager of the Railway Express Agency, for any information he may be able to obtain in connection with the express package sent out by the Pelley Publishing Company.

Will conduct such other investigation as may appear necessary in order to develop more complete information requested in reference letter from the Bureau.

Will re-contact WAVERLY F. KILPATRICK, Credit Manager of the Morris-Austen Company, 120 Patten Avenue, for information concerning the activities of PELLEY and the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated.

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UNITED STATES POST OFFICE  
Asheville, North Carolina

MEMORANDUM covering watch kept on mail addressed to WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY,  
643 Haywood Road, West Asheville, N.C.; 20 Sylvan Avenue, Asheville, N.C.;  
P.O. Box 1776 and P.O. Box 2630, Asheville, N.C. and mail addressed to the  
PELLEY PUBLISHERS and SKYLAND PRESS, P.O. Box 2630, Asheville, N.C.

Mail addressed to	Postmark of mailing office and date of mailing	Return card of
Pelley Publishers	Brooklyn N.Y. 1-26-39	None
" "	New York, N. Y. 1-26-39	Harmony Book Shop 112 W. 49th St.
P.O. Box 2630	Church St. Annex, N.Y., 1-26-39	None
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Pelley Publishing House	9/2 WFEN 71 14.1.39	None
Foundation Fellowship	Madison Sq. Sta., N.Y., 1/26/39	Pfan's American Ins- trument Co., 2 E.23rd St., N.Y.C.
Pelley Publishers	Church St., Annex, N.Y., 1-26-39	International News Co. P.O. Box 66, N.Y.C.
Pelley Publishing Co.	Washington, D.C., 1/26/39	None
Pelley Publishers	Madison Sq. Sta., N.Y., 1/26/39	The Gramercy Co., Inc. N.Y.C.(34 Gramercy Prk)
Mr. William Dudley Pelley	New York N.Y., 1/26/39	None
" " " "	New York, N.Y., 1/26/39	Box 2, Sta.D, N.Y.
Silver Shirt Legion of America	New York, N.Y., 1/27/39	Waller J. Bailey Bishop, 142, W.64thSt.
Pelley Publishers	Reading Pa., 1/26/39	232 Carsmen Ave.
Mr. William Dudley Pelley	Madison Sq. Sta., N.Y., 1/26/39	None
Pelley Publishers	Northbergen, N.U., 1/26/39	HILLER 236, Route 1 (2040 E. St. Francis Ave., St. Francis, Wis. Badger Lumber & (Supply Co.
Pelley Publishers	Milwaukee, Wisc. 1/26/39 .....	Caskie Paper Co.
Skyland Press	Charlotte, N.C., 1-26	" " "
" " "	" " "	F.P. Danho, 15S.4thSt.
The Pelley Publishers	Madison, Wis., 1-26	Boyd K. Watson, Atty-at law
Box 1776	Marion, La., 1-26	Mrs. N. Allen, Gen. Del 258 Jefferson E. (?)
Pelley Publishers	Salt Lake City, 1-26	None
" " "	Grand Rapids, Mich., 1-36	
Wm. Dudley Pelley	Detroit, Mich., 1-36	

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Ida Mingle, 431 S. Wabash  
Ave." " , 1-26  
" " 1-26" " , 1-26  
" " 1-26Suite 2705, 55 E.Wash.St.  
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Daytona Beach, Fla., 1-25-395227 St. Clair  
205 N.Wild Olive Ave.  
Mrs. F. M. Turrentine  
Box 243, Rockledge, Fla.  
215 S. Osage Ave." "  
Pelley Publication Co.Rockledge, Fla., 1-25  
Pawhuska, Okla., 1-24C. A. Duncan  
Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Elliott  
Brent Apartments.  
179 Irving Ave., Geo.

Pelley Publishers

New Albany Ind., 1-25

A. Greene  
None

" "

Minneapolis, Minn., 1-24

None  
A. J. Hall, 2381 So. High  
2404 E. 30th st.

" "

Honolulu, Hawaii, 1-17-39

J. N. Wilkerson  
1500 Olive Ave.,

" "

Minneapolis, Minn., 1-24

A. Ursprung

" "

Denver, Colorado, 1-24

The Biltmore Hotel,

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Kansas City, Mo., 1-24

Hubert Penn, Jr.

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Chicago, Ill., 1-25

2040 Jefferson St.,

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Los Angeles, Cal., Arcade

M. K. Butcher

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Annex 1-22-39

503 1/2 Main St.

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San Francisco, Cal., 1-22

The Pacific Society of  
Seattle.

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Seattle, Wash., 1-22

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Detroit, Mich., 1-25

John Felster

Pelley Publishers

Cleveland Ohio, 1-25

7407 Euclid Ave.

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Arcadia, Calif., 1-23

443 LeRoy Ave.

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St. Cloud, Fla., 1-25

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Mr. Wm. D. Pelley  
Pelley PublishersPortland Oregon, 1-23  
Salt Lake City, Utah, 1-24

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" "	" " , 1	Burns Drive.
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Felley Publishers	Ind., Ind., 1-25	None
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Skyland Press	Baltimore, Md., 1-23	A.T.F., 109 So. Hanover
Pelley Publishers	Grand Rapids, Mich., 1-24	C. W. Ferlik Hurd (?) or Hood 813 Michigan St., N.E.
A.H.E. Talpey	Grand Rapids, Mich., 1-24	None
Pelley Publishers	Detroit, Mich., 1-24	None
" "	" " , 1-24	Austin, 23 W. Dakota, Highland Pk., Mich.
" "	" " 1-24	Manufacturers Nat'l Bk.
" "	" " 1-24	None
" "	" " 1-24	2251 Field Ave.
" "	" " 1-24	Anker Lind Earfird
" "	" " 1-24	349 Monterey Ave.
" "	" " 1-24	Jerkiewicz, 6337 Chene St.
" "	" " 1-24	Fred W. Thomas, M.D., 1508 Balen Tower
" "	Roseville, Mich., 1-24	Herbert F. Fischer, Justice of the Peace
" "	Lansing, Mich., 1-24	429 N. Cycamore St.
" "	Cleveland, O., 1-24	None
" "	" " 1-24	E.A. Wendel, Nela Park.
" "	" " 1-24	The Quaker Oats Co.
" "	" " 1-24	C.V. Ohlsen, 2512 Ashurst Ave.
" "	Milwaukee, Wis., 1-24	Harland A. Sabrowsky, 1600 G. 4th St.

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" "	Olympia, Wash., 1-27	Dr. Dwight B. Clarke Donald Bldg.
" "	Cincinnati, O., 1-30	A. Vogelback, 619 N. 12th St.
" "	Georgetown, O., 1-30	None
" "	Venice, Cal., 1-30	I. C. Burns, 1302 Alex Way
" "	Ventura, Cal., 1-27	Maryse E. Martin, 2407 Ocean Ave.
" "	Wash., D.C., 1-30	C.O. Radd, 1320 12 W.N.
" "	McKeesport, Pa., 1-30	Mrs. B. Frank Trostle 3210 Garbett Ave.
" "	Jersey City, 1-30	Fred A. Hecker, 267 Lenebeck Ave.
" "	Brooklyn, N.Y., 1-30	Paul Schupl 893 New York Ave.
" "	Jamaica, N.Y., 1-30	Albert T. Witt, 43 Lockwood Ct.
" "	" " 1-30	Hamilton Branch, Long Island, N.Y.
" "	New York, N.Y., 1-30	3206 Union St., Flushing, L.I. N.Y.
" "	Los Angeles, Cal.,	None
" "	Grand Central Annex, 1-30	H. Geisecke, 316 E. 93rd St. c/o Lang
" "	Flushing, N.Y., 1-30	L. 4027 - 73rd St., Jackson Hts., L.I., N.Y.
" "	Brooklyn, N.Y., 1-30	Oswald, 155 Ocean Parkway
" "	Charlotte, N. C.	J. A. McADOO, R. 7
" "	San Francisco, 1-28	Cal., State Council of the Steuben Secty, 24 Cal. St.
" "	Taunton, Mass., 1-30	None
" "	NYC, 1930	The Am. News Co., 131 Varick St.
" "	Los Angeles, Cal., 1-28	607 S. Kenmore St.
" "	NYC, 1-30	L. Thelich, 113 W. 57th St.
William Dudley Pelley	Del Rio, Tex., 1-29	Jno. R. Brinkley, M.D.
Wm. D. Pelley	Norwood, O., 1-30	Will H. Palmer, 4540 Floral Ave.
" "	Del Rio, Tex., 1-29	Jno. R. Brinkley, M.D.
Pelley Publishers	Chicago, Ill., 1-30	V.L. Kraus, 7 S. Dearborn
" "	" " 1-30	Mrs. A. Westfelle, 712 Bruir Place
" "	" " 1-30	R. 690
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" "	" " 1-30	Dr. F.G. Panors, 3302 Gratiotcen
" "	Cleveland, O., 1-30	7407 Euclid Ave.
" "	Milwaukee, Wis., 1-30	Mrs. P. Neunier, 605 E. Linus St.
" "	Louisville, Ky., 1-30	Charles B. Ernst., 454 Louisville, Ave.
" "	Quincy, O., 1-30	F.P. Rowe
" "	Tuscon, Ariz., 1-30	Geo. D. Morrison
" "	St. Louis, Mo., 1-30	Gehh. Del. B. Herder Book Co.
" "	Santa Barbara, Cal. 1-27	15-17 S. Broadway
" "	Tampa, Fla., 1-30	The Book Den, Box 733
" "	Lincoln Park, N.J., 1-30	Sarah L. Shipman, 513 Johnson St.
" "	Upper Darby Pa., 1-30	None
" "	Norwood, O., 1-29	None
" "	Los Angeles, 1-27	W.H. Falmer, 4540 Floral Ave.
Foundation Fellowship	Chicago, Ill., 1-29	None
Wm. Dudley Pelley	Keyport, Wash., 1-27	R.L. Maxwell, 6447 S. Fairfield Ave.
Pelley Publishers	San Diego, Cal., 1-27	Barnwell
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" "	Seattle, Wash., 1-27	2446 L. Street
" "	Missoula, Mont., 1-27	2826 30th Ave.
" "	Spokane, Wash., 1-27	G.A. Stanley, 322 Madison Ave.
" "	Chicago, Ill.,	L. Box 1177
" "	Fargo, N.D., 1-29	none
" "	Vancouver, B.C., 1-26	Chas. H. Houska, 4½ S. Broad- way
" "	Seattle, 1-27	American News Co., Ltd.
" "	Clearwater, Fla., 1-30	None
" "	Cleveland, O., 1-30	1207 Idlewild Drive
" "	Asheville, N.C.	C.W. Ohlson, 2512 Ashurst Rd. University Hgts., Ohio.
" "	Gibsonburg, O., 1-30	Halsey & Griffith, Inc. 59 Haywood St.
" "	Pittsburgh, Pa., 1-30	F. Arthur Damschroder, RFD #1
" "	Lawrenceburg, Ind., 1-30	Edward Place, 4801 Forbes St.
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	Saginaw, Mich., 1-30	1003 State St.
	Washington, D.C., 1-30	None
Wm. Dudley Pelley	Blue River, B.C., 1-27	None
	Lake Wales, Fla., 1-30	116 Lincoln, Ave., Melbourne, Fla.
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Pelley Publishers	Detroit, Mich., 1-30	E. Elkind, 489 Peterboro
" "	New York City, 1-30	Henriette Schumacher 303 W. 42nd St.
	Pittsburgh, Pa., 1-30	None
	Utica, N.Y., 1-30	None
	Brooklyn, N.Y.	None
	Philadelphia, Pa., 1-31	613 Bennett Hall, Lindley Ave.
Mr. A.M. Talpey, Bx. 2630	NYC, 1-30	Edward S. Butler (or Rutter) 107-03 142nd Street
Pelley Publishers	Hoplin, Mo., 1-28	None
	Kalamazoo, Mich., 1-28	2327 N. Westnedge Ave.
	Paso Robles, Cal., 1-27	None
	Whittier, Cal., 1-26	R. L. Box 30
	Milwaukee, Wis., 1-28	4508 N. Morris, Blvd.
	" " 1-28	A. Kraus, 1440 N. 38th St.
	Everett, Wash.	None
	Spokane, Wash., 1-26	3418 Heroy St.
	Portland, Ore., 1-26	None
	Alameda, Cal., 1-26	None
	Chicago, Ill., 1-28	1011 Irving Park Blvd.
	" " 1-28	Edw. J. Dost., 925 W. Armitage Ave.
	Los Angeles, Cal., 1-26	E. Clegg, 621 S. Spring St.
	" " " 1-26	None
	Berkley, Cal., 1-26	H.R. Dreyer, 496 Colusa Ave.
	Bristol, Tenn., 1-29	521 Spruce St.
	San Francisco, Cal., 1-26	None
	Salt Lake City, Utah, 1-27	Henry Sinsel, 1070 S. 10th St.
	Portland, Ore., 1-26	2227 E. Oak St.
	Bellingham, Wash., 1-26	Thos. J. Munson, 815 " North St.



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February 15, 1939

Time: 3:35 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

[redacted]  
Mr. McMahon of the Department called and stated there was in his office a [redacted] who has been on the inside of the Silver Shirt movement since last May, and wanted to know if I would like to talk with him.

I advised Mr. McMahon if he would send the man over I would be glad to have one of the supervisors interview him.

[redacted] called and was shown to Mr. McIntire for interview.

Respectfully,

*EAT*  
E. A. TAMM

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Get name of friend in Chicago  
who knows the director and  
who told director about this -  
and that Sir told him to have  
 Come in and tell us  
about it.

Miss G. [unclear]  
a [unclear]

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was  
Nat 54 & 5 - Ext 105

1. Am. Nationalist Confederation  
A coalition of Christian  
and government organizations.  
Agents here for identification.  
Jacob B. B. &  
Humbert, Jr.  
Not registered with Secy of State.
2. Consolidated Industries 1910 Central  
Bldg - 12100  
Head of Amalgam  
Has a uniformed organization.

①

James - admitted in this 1928 -  
Practicing law till 1933  
as counsel for the Brotherhood  
of Loc. Engineers Nat'l Bx Cleveland  
Till 1931 of Bains failed  
+ from 1931 - 33 was in land  
dept of city of Cleveland.

*Has wife  
Lillian* 1933 to May 1938 was with C.C.C.  
Asst Dist Quartermaster  
(Heads - So Mont. W. Wyoming)  
Kahn State / Ky + S. Ohio -  
Kahn West Virg -

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Michael Alcorn, a  
lobbyist was very friendly to a hard  
this speak of James Lane -  
Had seen Lane several times  
Lane is about 70.

About 15 or 16 May 38 met  
Lane on street of Wash -

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Lombardy  
apb  
411 - Pa. 28.41  
Cor 2 Pa 28.41

I told him I was looking for  
work - I told him I been  
- service for 5 yrs -  
Invited to his home - was  
there 3 successive days -  
Had his office - home then -

He took down my  
gratuity - at end of 3rd  
day said he knew a man  
who would use me - in  
fact there were several who could  
use me - He arranged for them  
to come to work & see me.

Mentioned this to  
W. A. Julian Sup of the S.S. friend  
of mine from Ohio - Told me to  
play along & find out what I  
could -

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Suite 8  
3 offices

About June 30 - June 5 I  
went to see Pelly at 307  
Insurance Bldg. - 154 & 25 -

Office - name of Harrison 7.

McConnell - Atty for Pelly,

I met Mr. Lawrence Brown &

Mr. Connell - Pelly didn't

come in for a month - Aug 4 '38 -

I went to this office every day

until Aug 4<sup>th</sup> to see Pelly &

saw a steady stream of people come

in - 25 to 30 people daily -

Some from out of town

McConnell had

Contract to represent P at \$100 weekly

which was wired to him from

Ashville - Brown was his asst.

Mary Carmichael & Marion

Henderson - Aids - Henderson

is woman. Travels with P. P

brought these women from Ashv

on Aug 4 '38 -



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Told P that Jane had sent  
me thing - talked for hours -  
Got in touch Zachary  
about me - Roy Zachary a big  
"Silver" - P's alias "Tom Goshale"  
Pelly signature - this name when at Lohes.

Zachary wanted me  
come to this - I returned to  
Julien. Pelly offered me  
\$100<sup>00</sup> weekly plus 15% of all  
money I should collect - I  
was to organize people into  
the S.S. and then organize  
affiliated with them. P claimed  
to have 1 1/2 million members (lie)  
Claimed to take over the Gov't -  
P went into a trance when  
deciding on my qualifications.  
"You stick with me & I'll make you  
the second biggest man in the U.S."  
I doubt if he has over 1500 Silver  
Shirts - About 50,000 copies of Liberation  
go out weekly -

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Zachary looks like a thing he  
ran a general store near Seattle.  
Gets most of his money from Minn &  
Wis.

I told P I didn't want  
field work & would rather be a  
"friend" & at no cost to them.  
I was given a key to the office - and  
sat in on the Councils from  
that time on.

Zachary asked me if  
I was a member of the Mosley  
Vigilante organization to the U.S. Army -  
I have a letter of June 8.  
H.S. Beamish 30 Craven  
St London stating that  
Mosley is prepared to lead a Christian  
Army in the U.S. (Beamish finances  
Hilke) Beamish is an Englishman  
living in South Africa & is Pres  
of The Britons, a fascist group  
associated with Mosley in England.

Beamish has  
super ideas to allow  
himself that for B. Work  
from June & July -  
but mostly from  
Beamish's agent  
in the U.S. is  
Henry Allen.

Beamish is  
supposed to direct  
the air campaign  
I think his idea is  
and program.

Conventions were held at  
307 Ins. Bldg held about  
every day -

Sailors in meeting  
sell soap & Japanese  
they live in Hotel  
Surrey - home meeting  
Sheldon Hotel.

Nov 4 '38  
to present time  
one held - Comm. on Hotel  
George S. Sullivan  
of Buff. Chicago  
McConnell  
Olley when in town  
P. own (Lawrence)  
True  
David A. Olson.  
Thomas W. Fitzgerald  
and myself

There is way regarding these men  
in groups, they represent one another  
who bring defendants to a meeting

on rare occasions  
W. Christians attended  
Fitzgerald occupied  
when I was present.  
Discusses no included - say glorification

The complete organization  
set up in Sydney Port -  
Army. SS and set up  
like Army Corps  
are

How to raise money  
Organization in U. S. and how more  
Army officers could be induced to join. How  
to propagandize armed forces.

Olley & True won't give each  
other their lists - they merely recommend  
that the Agency send literature to  
someone -

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Zachary works with reserve  
officers. Aspires to do big things - & he never  
was with the army - Medical & Dental  
Corp reserve officers. He argues that if the  
Pres departs from the constitutional path  
they are not bound to follow him.  
Says he has broken the A.P. in Wis., Oregon -  
Washington.

The Orig - Fred Marshall was  
Spencer J. Warwick of Youngstown, and of  
Newcastle, Wis. Just spoken. Opposite of  
Zachary. Aelf split the U.S. West &  
East - I have of the West & W the  
East - I moved in on East when  
I took sick - cannot find up to  
present - they don't speak.

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Literature is being sent  
to army posts throughout country -  
The Army & Navy are of their very nature  
Anti Semites. Lit is Anti Jewish

Mosley's  
 reputation  
 fight over him  
 occurred at  
 the  
 I told him I knew  
 Adams - he asked me  
 if I could approach  
 Adams. saying he  
 could get  
 money in the way  
 Adams & me  
 - Bailey.

The Communist Meetings had  
 constantly discussed problem of getting  
 someone into the Army. Along came  
 Mosely. All agreed they could  
 concentrate behind him for the  
 entire U.S. Those meetings were held  
 here & I attended. I was asked

by Irene if I knew anyone close to  
 Mosley & I did (Irene asked me  
 this in Sept 31 when going to lunch.)  
 But place for fascists to lunch is the  
 Old Virginia on 15<sup>th</sup> St near I st.

Mosely has been my commanding  
 officer in 5<sup>th</sup> corp. area (Ohio Ind West Va  
 Ky) (This was about June 1936)

Capt Infantry Res - Robert Le Grant Adams  
 commanded c c c camp at Walton  
 Ky. I met Adams at camp Walton  
 and his Junior Officer, Lieut Wm. E.  
 Walker. I merely reported to camp  
 at this time. Learned of only & got  
 a position in the office of chief of  
 Infantry & publicly dept as a Captain  
 in Wash and then taken to Alameda.

9  
by Gen Mosely. 4<sup>th</sup> Corps Area. Walking  
took Adams place at Camp Walton.  
He was relieved because of weight of  
\$300<sup>00</sup>. Then taken to 4<sup>th</sup> Corps area  
by Mosely. These men, Walking &  
Adams are Mosely's chief lieutenants in  
the Vigilante movement - They are  
still in the C.C. & building up faith  
in Mosely.

In Nov 1938 I ~~went to~~ <sup>went</sup> Atlanta  
(by name) to get evidence. Challenge  
Dine & Kelly in Council meeting had  
been claiming support of Mosely. so  
I went to Atlanta to get evidence.  
Saw Adams at Biltmore Hotel  
I said I wanted to talk about patriotic  
matters. He didn't make any statement  
about Vigilantes but said enough -  
Said that Walking was "one of our group"  
and that Mosely liked him. Adams  
said Mosely was the leading Christian  
speaker & leader in the U.S. today. I said  
I'd like to get in it & he said "you're

in it in a bigger way than we are.  
I told him what I was doing.

Then I went to see Walker at a  
C C C camp near Fort Moultrie near  
Charleston S.C. I told him I  
wanted to get in on the real  
thing. I was tired of being on  
the propaganda end. I wanted  
to join Mosely's organ. He said  
one had to be on active duty.  
Mosely is interested in leadership  
personnel - older officers - active  
and reserve. Walker is still  
active in Army -

I have a photostatic copy  
of letter of Jones June 2 Capt  
Beomish Re Mosely's leadership  
of Christian Army - U.S. (in Chicago)

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Leaving Walkeup I went  
to Ashville to see Gally's place -  
met Miss Marion Henderson  
Pelly not there. To find out their  
methods of keeping records - was  
there 3 days - Tacked to

1- A. H. E. Talpey -

2. Miss Marion Henderson

Incorporated in Delaware

There are about 42  
employees altogether.

P.O. box 2630 -

114 - Virginia ave -

Has one old Bldg.

Talpey handles all income & disbursements  
re propaganda - This has nothing  
to do with Silver Shirts.

Miss Henderson handles all finances  
for Silver Legions.

all records are kept by Miss Henderson  
They don't have a Membership list - these  
are kept by locals - but they do have



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a list of persons contributing  
money - the carrier to finance  
records - (I have Constitution  
and By Laws - 2 ed.)

I lay bank at the  
Wallachovia Trust Co -  
Ashtville. This bank has 3 books

A calendar pad for  
Nov 14 to Nov 38 in my pos shows an  
item of deposit of \$5000 in  
Wallachovia Trust Co. This was  
taken from desk of Miss Henderson -  
May be a violation of tax law.

Galahad College is conducted in the  
same old bldg - Pelly only  
instructor Series of 52 lectures to  
be read by student - usually  
about one student

The rules & regulations  
have been changed & the  
organ are the ones  
that I want -

There are twelve corporations or  
agencies of Pelly -

all incorporated  
in Illinois are  
I have copies of  
their charters &c.  
in Chicago -

- 1 - Silver Legion
- 2 - Silver Shield
- 3 - Pelly Publishers
- 4 - Liberation Press
- 5 - Galahad College
- 6 - Fellowship Foundation
- 7 - It's All by Pelly - Inc.
- 8 - Little Visits -
- 9 - Reality
- 10 - Pelly's Weekly -

Picked up these papers at the  
office here in Wash - That office  
is leased to Mr. Cornell -

Knight of White Camellia  
 Headed by George W  
 Deatherage, title  
 "TOWER"

Conferred almost  
 exclusively to West Va  
 + a few in So Ohio -

Symbol is the Waltham  
 watch sticker on  
 Autos -

No other head or asst head  
 Deatherage is the whole  
 organization -

Headquarters ST Albans W. Va  
 about 8 mi from Charleston  
 W. Va. Office in his own  
 home. Object - forceful  
 overthrow of U.S. Govt.

Claims 10,000 members -  
 Leans toward Hitler type of  
 dictatorship - Has strong arm

bands who place Anti  
fascist placards on streets  
in West Va -

Claims to have correspondence  
with fascist groups in Mexico  
(Cedillo) - Weatherly makes  
frequent trips to Mexico via  
Calif -

It seems odd in Charleston  
papers for members -

Have seen D 5 times - he  
attended Council Meetings -  
and is in on the inner  
working of fascist groups -  
Am. Has no visible means  
of support not working -  
formerly worked for Du Pont Co  
for Union Carbide Co  
in the personnel dept at  
Charleston. Prior to then he  
was a chemist with Union  
Carbide.

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O has been in this movement  
for about 2 yrs - claims it was  
established in 1867.

Firearms - O has 6 rifles &  
3 revolvers at his home.

O admitted to me that his  
members carry pistols & knives.  
No military training - Close  
personal friends of Henry Allen  
who is Beaumont's agent here.  
Allen's connection on the West Coast  
is with Herman Schwinn of the  
G. A. B.

Formerly published  
The White Knight and  
now suspended.

O has no printing presses - uses  
literature of Ince and Pelly  
Has no regular Publication -  
Prints privately - distributes literature  
from Germany -

He also heads the "American Nationalist"

Confederation - a coalition of  
 Anti Communist Organizations  
 Its literature Carries  
 its office at Boston - NY - Wash  
 Chicago - Houston Miami  
 Savannah - Los Angeles  
 San Francisco -

Mrs. Neta Webster - on O'Farrell  
 San Fran, Beaconist, in  
 March 1938. When here, got in touch  
 with the women (manner unknown)  
 Beaconist introduced Henry Allen  
 to Mrs Webster. When there I saw  
 who was with Beaconist,  
 Desborage went to West Coast to  
 meet Beaconist & Allen and  
 the Am Nationalist Conf was  
 formed. She has written a book  
 entitled "Secret Societies and  
 Subversive Movements."

Purpose of this group was not to  
 get individual members but to  
 amalgamate various Patriotic societies -  
 no great measure of success.

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Deathray's behavior is force &  
favorite expression is, "I'm just the  
guy who can do it."

Don't know his source  
of revenue.

Travels extensively &  
wears dark glasses.

I have practically no literature  
except that which he distributes for  
others.

There is an <sup>armored</sup> Ordnance Depot at  
Charlestown W. Va. In Aug 1938 Kelly  
asked me what I knew of this Ordnance.  
I told him generally. About a month  
later he told me I was wrong - that  
there was a Marine Ordnance  
there also that I hadn't mentioned  
to him. I asked him how he  
knew & he said he had asked  
Deathray to check. I made a  
check - don't know how extensive.

I have close connection  
with Herman Schuman. He and

Relay play close to Western Reserve  
 Univ - Professors Trautmann,  
 White, Powers - strong student  
 fascist group there meeting at  
 Lurnberrin Vortwaerts on W 25<sup>th</sup> St  
 Cleveland - which is also the quarters  
 of GAB in Cleveland.

Louis K. Birinyi.

11803 → Louis also has office  
 at ~~11803~~<sup>11803</sup> Buckeye Rd, Cleveland. He  
 been in patriotic work since about 1920.  
 Naturalized from Hungary. Educated in  
 So Carolina - Lawyer - admitted to Bar  
 in Ohio - His group has no name.  
 His high powered men work in airplane  
 factories - Some are working for  
 Consolidated Aircraft corp at Buffalo  
 Don't know how many but Birinyi  
 gets plans & ships etc. Airplane parts  
 are manufactured by Thompson Products  
 and their smaller plants in Cleveland.



He has men in these Co's & they get plans & specifications. Birinyi told me that prior to break up of Akron he had drawing of part that would break (told me this see 1938 in book at the Connells office.) On same occasion he told me that about 2 or 3 yrs ago Great Lakes Aircraft Corp supplied about 27 diving bombers to the Navy - Some of these planes were to break up & of the ones that went to San Diego two did break up. He said he had had plans showing the parts that were left out, causing the accidents.

He sends out his Communications thru Code & want ads in foreign language newspapers. If his parties can't answer, they send a letter to a small store keeper on Buckeye Rd at about 114th St - Then he sends a boy Lehosky to go to store & claim the letter. The ads are in the form of a "wanted to get married" ad.

Number of his members not known.  
He has no visible means of income  
I don't know of any source of income  
He might have other than the sale of  
expensive suits.

Colley, Zorkany both visit Birinyi -  
don't know of any constitution  
or by laws. - He professes that  
his purpose is to restore Hungary to  
her former position & prestige -  
strong, anti semitic. Bent on  
establishing a christian govt here.

Birinyi has voluminous files in his home.

He is interested in two books

which he distributes - "Why the

Treaty of Trianon is Void" and

"The Tragedy of Hungary? Selling  
agent is David B. List 37

Fountain St. Grand Rapids Mich -  
distributes these books -

Birinyi not incorporated - Has no  
press & no publications.

Published by  
V.H.R. Simmons  
531 Cedar St NE  
Grand Rapids  
Mich

Birinyi wrote both  
of these books.

(72)  
See his letter of Oct 30-38 to —  
where he gives his ideas —

Don't know any direct  
connection between Birney,  
Susan Sterling - Ford &  
Girdler —

States in part - "as you know  
I have to confine my activities, its work  
directed from my office. It would not be  
healthy for me to show my face too  
frequently in public gatherings. Two  
attempts have already been made in  
my life.

My activities at the present  
time are confined strictly to help solve the  
European problems & defeat the Common  
enemy there. — — — It is my belief  
that we shall not be able to get  
near our goal here, until the Common  
enemy in Europe is completely  
defeated. His defeat, however, now  
appears certain. It may take another  
year; but victory, for us and defeat for

him is virtually certain.

The next battlefield will be our own country. I am concerned about this, above all else. There is no question in my mind but that the international Jews are preparing to make a "Spin" out of our own country. If they should succeed in their plan, blood will flow here and terror will ensue, the like of which has never been witnessed on American soil.

In our every effort there must be an objective which we are to reach. As a military officer you know what I have in mind. ~~But what about the~~

The day of reckoning for the American people is rapidly approaching. When the mopping up will be completed in Europe, the fun will start here. We shall face the question; Shall we become a Christian country, or shall America we become the abject slaves of international Jewery? To become Christian America means prosperity, happiness and contentment. To become abject slaves of international Jewery will mean untold suffering, privation, starvation and death.

For as the day of preparation has arrived. Procrastination would be more than a mistake; it would be a national sin. Preparation, it seems, to me, should be carried on on two fronts; on one front information and warning should be disseminated, while on the other front practical preparation should be carried on with full vigor. As good old Ben Franklin would say, it is a durn sigg it better to hang together than to hang separately. And if this two front preparation will not be started in earnest and without delay, you can bet your shiny boots, that beforevery long many of us will be hanging separately.

I now propose that in addition to disseminating information and warning, able bodied and patriotic Americans be organized into semi-military units and trained in military tactics. The organizing and training should be done by trained military men. This is the first line of defense which we must have. Without this our efforts will be totally and entirely futile.

When you are here, we shall discuss the other phases of preparation and ultimate goal.

I might add that in each locality a local man should be the organizer and that local man should be trained in military tactics.

Your proposed visit to me, therefore, should be more of a consulting nature, than a hope that a large group of men will be turned over to you. So far as I know, and I do not know everything, we are hardly in a position to say that we now have a working organization. If we have it, I am not familiar with it."

Birinyi also has been in Phila Navy yard. On Thanksgiving night Lechovsky came to my apt with a man he was taking to Phila. This man is Wasserman who said he was going up there for work.

Birinyi is a code expert and has a typewriter of Hungarian type and characters. I have seen his work on his code. He ran for Congress about 6 yrs ago in this dist. Birinyi attends all bond meetings at Turnverein. Birinyi very active in all Hungarian societies in Cleveland.

No further known.

General B Winrod -

Head of The Defenders

~~Has several publications~~ The distribute

James reports & liberation. - Defenders.  
His influence is in Kansas - June  
has an almost daily exchange of  
letters with Winrod - He comes  
to wash on occasions but I have  
never seen him sit on either  
Council - Pelly thinks Winrod is the  
greatest fellow that ever lived, so long  
as he stays in Kansas.

No firearms.

James True -

No Organization - Only  
his subscription list for his Industrial  
Control Report

Each Friday he gets this from his wife and then returns it to her. She hides it, and he doesn't know where it is so it cannot be subpoenaed. She keeps it in her paint box. She is an artist. His headquarters are at 525 Mills Bldg, Wash. He lives at 411 Lombardy Apts, on I st at Pa ave. His program is pro fascist and pro Hitler and anti Jewish. Extremely militant in his views. He originated the phrase "Kike-killer" as related to a specially made black-jack which he gave to Henry Allen. He commenced this movement in 1933. In his early years he was an itinerant newspaper man, originally from New Orleans. He has written for Printers Ink, for Hearst, ghost writing etc. No one else is associated with him. No military organization. But he does believe in a military organization. qq and for this reason he clings to Pelley, who has such, and to Deatherage who likewise has an organization. He likes Deatherage but dislikes Pelley personally. He advertises Pelley's periodicals and in turn Pelley advertises James True's Industrial Control reports. True represents the Deutscher Fichte Bund in this country, and distributes their propaganda and sells their books in this country. This is shown by a letter from the Deutscher Fichte Bund, Oct 21, 1938, on which the addressee has been torn out, but which was sent to True, since informant got this letter from True's office, and reads;

" Your kind letter of October 3 is very much appreciated. I also thank you for the marked copy which you sent me with regard to the book 'Look to Germany'. I am also very pleased to inform you that I already got about 5 orders for it; it will be mailed to the persons as soon as possible. Thank you very much for placing the copies before the right readers. I was very glad indeed to learn that it has converted many ~~and~~ antagonistic people.

With regard to the other publication which you mentioned (Germany), I regret to say, that I do not know anything about it. Perhaps you got a letter by now stating name and address of the sender. What is the name of the publisher or author? It may be a publication of the Terramare Office, Berlin.

Wishing you continued success, I beg to remain, Dear Sir,

Sincerely yours, Director of organization, Th. Kessemeier.



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The informant got a letter in True's office with heading  
Consolidated Industries  
Manufacturers - Representatives.  
1910 Central Tower Bldg - 703 Market Street  
San Francisco, California.  
Cable Address "Calarmco"

Oct 19, 1938.

This letter was presumably addressed to True, since it was gotten in his office, but it may have been sent to McConnell. It is signed by R.L. Dineley, and the pertinent portion starts with;

" You will perhaps recall my visit to your office in the early part of least July, at which time we discussed several matters, among which was a plan that had been formulated for the organization of an armed, uniformed body, to be called the 'United States Police Reserve Association.'"

He then goes on to ask about obtaining space in the bldg in Washington, with a hope of opening an office there.

On Feb 2, 1939 while eating at the Old Vienna, I overheard True talking with a ~~man~~ stranger. True said he was receiving the Panama material. The man asked if he was getting all of it. True said he didn't know, that he thought that Pelley was going to get some of it. and that it was going to be mailed in Washington to him, True, and to Pelley. That it contained drawings as to the Panama Canal, and that the envelope would contain a directive as to who it should be turned over to, and who would pay True. No indication as to what was to be contained in these charts.

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INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

15 or 20 years ago F.G. & Collett got certain legislation passed in Congress reimbursing the Indians of California for certain alleged wrongs. As a racket he then decided to form the Indians Of California, Inc, to get some money out of them. He charges them about \$ 38.00 per year for membership. Because of his activities, the Indian Service investigated his organiz. Collett later claimed that Mr. Collier (John) Commissioner of Indian Affairs, had wronged him, in the investigation, in testimony before the House Commte investigating this matter, and ina book, Indians At Work, for which reason he has brought a suit for \$ 200,000 damages. Pelley wanted to get his name before the public, and had Mc Connell give an opinion as to how he could best do it. McConnell suggested he ought to sue someone, and suggested that Madam Perkins be proceded against by impeachment on the Harry Bridges matter, and that Ickes and Collier be sued on the grounds that they had defrauded the government in hiring counsel and transportation for witnesses in the ~~Collett~~ investig of Indians of Calif, Inc, and in taking depositions in the Collet case. Pelley claimed that they were sued in the Collet case as individuals, and not as govt officials. Informant has a copy of the pleading of Pelley, and will make it available. This action of Pelley is based on an alleged law that any citizen can bring this type of action, and if the defendant is found guilty, the damages are doubled, and the complaining citizen receives one half of the damages.

Informant has produced a letter of F.G. Collett, dated at Washington D.C. June 8, 1938, on the stationery of Indians of Calif, Inc, to William Dudley Pelley, 20, Sylvan Ave, Asheville, N.C. as follows;

"The allegations in your case against Messrs. Ickes and Collier can be proven, but such proof will be fought with the utmost resources at the hands of the defendants.

In view of the fact that much of the evidence already secured and much of the additional evidence in the premises, will be the direct result of my efforts, it would seem appropriate that there be an agreement between you and me, whereby you will assign to me a fair share of any amount that may be recovered by the action.

Under the circumstances you and your attorney are protected by the statute.

Sincerely, F.G. Collett.

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The further connection between Pelley and Collett is shown by a letter of Dollett to Pelley, dated at Washington D.C. June 6, 1938, to Pelley at Asheville, N.C.

" I am confident that if you see fit to send a sample copy of your magazine to the persons whose names and addresses were recently furnished you and to the persons whose names appear on the attached paper, that many of them will send you their subscriptions.

Your last issue will probably prove to be exceptionally interesting to these persons. A separate application blank, if you have one, might aid to focus attention to it.

If you mail a sample copy as suggested please advise me so that I may in my next letter urge that the subscription be sent to you.

Sincerely yours,  
F.G. Collett  
Executive Representative  
Indians Of California, Inc.

Address;  
610 Shoreham Bldg,  
Washington, D.C.

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SILVER SHIRTS.

One David D. Mayne, is a follower of Pelley herein Washington. Came to the office every day or so. Gave the office bits of info. Told what the Dies Comte was going to do next, etc. Informant understands that Mayne was also working for the Dies Comte. He has a place between Springfield and ~~xxxx~~ Anandale, Va. near the intersection of Braddock Road and Holmes Run. Has a small pistol range there. Some of the boys go out there to practice with pistol. Allegedly Pelley and True and others hold secret meetings out there. Informant has never been out there. Informant will submit a map showing how to get to this place. He works with a man by the name of ~~Babp~~ Babp, a lawyer in Washington. Babp is also one of Pelley's lawyers.

Strength of Silver Shirts in N.Y.

The head there is Colonel Latham Reed, who lives in a little town just outside of N.Y.C. Maintains pretentious home in Florida. Believed to be stock broker. Has been with Pelley for about 2 yrs. Sold completely. Pelley estimates that there are about 25,000 S S in N.Y. State. Reed probably keeps the records in his home. Reed would be considered an "Angel" of the movement.

Mrs. ----- Harar, the wife of a prominent physician in N.Y.C. home on W. 57th St. N.Y.C. is a devotee of Pelley's movement. She is also enamored of Pelley, and will do anything he tells her to do. She wishes to be a second Elizabeth Dilling, to write a book. Now writing a book, "The Ritualistic Murders", and attack upon Jewery, and ~~xxxxxx~~ based on the Lindbergh kidnaping. She is alleged to employ a former agent of F.B.I. named Pichet, Pickeral or some such name. He is collating by card index system all communists in the U.S. as a whole. She could also be considered an "Angel". She thinks we have her telephone tapped.

Any rifle practice is done through membership in the National Rifle Assoc. Reed is a Colonel in the N.Y. Natl Guard. Both he and Pelley claim to have control of Reed's regiment. Informant has some letters and telegrams showing Reed's connection with Pelley.

Sohier Bryant. a wealthy man, and "Angel" of S.S. Lives at the Union League Club, a swanky place. Allegedly he is the only living original disciple of Mary Baker Eddy, and now one of the leaders of the Christian Science Church. He is an Angel. Informant has telegram of Bryant to Pelley.

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L. L. Lewis

NEW JERSEY.

Membership in N.J. is nil. Former Gov Harold Hoffman is regarded as their leading light in N.J. Informant doesn't know if Hoffman is a member of S.S. While he was Gov he sent his press releases to ~~327~~ the headquarters of the S.S. in Washington.D.C. In Nov 1938, informant saw a telegram from Gov Hoffman, inviting McConnell to commence habeas Corpus proceedings on behalf of Hauptman. On the suggestion of Pelley McConnell did draw up this H.C. proceedings, Informant has a copy, but it was never filed or gone into.

Pennsylvania.

Not much of an organization of S.S. in Pa. Pelly is trying to sell the leadership in Pa to someone not known. No leader there now. Have chapters in Pitts and Sharon called councils.

OHIO

In Ohio the leader is Spencer J. Warwick. He also cares for Western P., Pittsburgh and Sharon. Claim about 18,000 members in Ohio. Strong in Youngstown, Cincin, Columbus, Dayton, Clev and Toledo. Susan Sterling is their main stay in Clev. They think Ohio will furnish them with their best material in the future. Informant has a list of prominent politicians in Ohio who have subscribed to the S.S.

MICH WIS MINN ILL WASHINGTON

Leader is Roy Zachary. Western Field Marshall. Claim to have about 20,000 members in Michigan. Informant will furnish photostatic copy of booklet containing important men in Mich.

In Illinois the leader is Hugo Eger in Chicago, address not known. Claim membership of 10,000

Wisconsin is well organized, They claim that Gov Heil is their man. Claim 6,000 members in Wis. Said to be well located. Informant has book of leaders in Wis. They claim to control the Nash and Kelvinator plant in Kenosha.

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Minnesota.

Claim 20,000 members. Meetings are attended there by invitation. Minnehaha Hall in St. Paul is said to be headquarters.

Washington, Oregon and California.

This is Zachary's home grounds. Formerly had a general store near Seattle. Estimated membership of about 40,000 in these three states. & Zachary is reported to hold drills there, and has bought some arms in the form of .22 caliber rifles and has distributed them.

Texas.

Movement not strong. Pelly and Deatherage both claim to have gone down and talked with Gov O'Daniel, and to have campaigned for his election. No indication as to number of members. Probably none.

Informant says Who's Who contains a very accurate life history of Pelley.

Mr. Cornell formerly  
attorney in Montana - made  
sp. asst. to A. E. Understanding  
and was let out.  
Former Counsel; Internal Rev. Dept.

Chart depicting organization  
of Silver Shirts

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February 18, 1939.

Memo for the File.

Re; <sup>0</sup>Silver Shirts.

There are attached hereto the following pamphlets which  
were furnished to me by [REDACTED] in giving  
me data re the Silver Shirts and other Fascist groups in  
the United States;

- X Is The Elephant Red
- X What Man Desires of Mortality
- X For What Are We Searching
- X Why the Universe Was Created
- X Reality.

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4-341 dated 5/19/72*

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*K.R.M.*  
K.R. McIntire.

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Charleston, North Carolina

February 15, 1939

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of Bureau letter dated February 8, 1939 instructing the writer to call upon Commander R. P. WHITEMARSH of the Naval Intelligence at Charleston, South Carolina, and become acquainted with him, offering to cooperate with him at all times in matters of mutual interest, with particular reference to cases involving espionage, counterespionage and sabotage activities.

I shall arrange to do this sometime in the near future, and will advise the Bureau thereafter. In the meantime I desire to advise the Bureau that Commander WHITEMARSH has been contacted on several occasions by Special Agents of this office, and has been most cooperative. Very recently, he furnished detailed information to Special Agent J. E. SULLIVAN, in connection with the investigation being made in the case entitled: SILVER SHIRT LEADERS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED; SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

February 20, 1939

Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Re: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INC.  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. B. BROWN, Charlotte, N. C., dated February 13, 1939, wherein there is an undeveloped lead set out for all offices to check their files on Subversive Activities, with particular reference to the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated.

For your information, a search of the indices in this office, as well as the Subversive Activities file, failed to reveal any information of value to this case.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation to be conducted in this district, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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**United States Department of Justice**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

February 17, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Crowl  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. McIntire  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

Dear Sir:

Re: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INC.  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

This is to advise the Bureau that on February 3, 1939 Special Agent J. B. BROWN requested Mr. E. L. BISHOP, Superintendent of mails, Asheville, North Carolina, to place a cover on outgoing mail from the Pelley Publishing Company 643-45 Haywood Road, West Asheville, North Carolina, said cover to be effective for a period of thirty days.

In this connection, it is desired to state that Mr. BISHOP advised Agent BROWN that a large quantity of the mail sent out by the Pelley Publishers is placed at the Post Office in bulk; that without authority from the Postmaster General, the postal officials at Asheville do not have authority to open these sacks for the purpose of obtaining names and addresses appearing on the letters contained therein.

It is being left to the discretion of the Bureau as to whether an attempt should be made to secure the authority from the Postmaster General, in order that these facts may be obtained by the Post Office officials at Asheville and furnished the Charlotte Office.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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*no the P.O. has turned us down so many times on various requests to subject to their own selves EV rebuffs*

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Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina

RE: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF  
AMERICA, INCORPORATED -  
Subversive Activities

Dear Sir:

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With reference to your letter of February 17, 1939, con-  
cerning the examination of certain mail sent out by the Falley  
Publishers, the Bureau does not deem it desirable at this time  
to make the request upon the Post Office Department which is  
mentioned in your letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Coffey .....
Mr. Crowl .....
Mr. Egan .....
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Handwritten signature and initials.

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February 21, 1939

Mr. D. M. Ladd  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Sir:

This will inform you that one [redacted] has furnished certain information to the Bureau bearing upon the Silver Shirts organization and other anti-Semitic groups in the United States. In connection with his undertakings he has worked in collaboration with Mr. Miles Goldberg, Secretary of the Anti-Defamation League at Chicago, Illinois. Numerous documents, both photostatic and original, have been obtained by [redacted] and are presently maintained in a safe deposit box by Mr. Goldberg in Chicago.

Mr. Goldberg has assured the Bureau through Mr. [redacted] that all of these documents presently secreted in Chicago will be made available to the Bureau if an agent will call on Mr. Goldberg.

It is, therefore, requested that immediately upon the receipt of this letter you make arrangements to have an agent interview Mr. Goldberg, making clear to him the purpose of the visit, at which time the documents should be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau by registered mail. Mr. Goldberg's office telephone number is Franklin 4221, while his home is located at 401 West Fullerton Parkway, home telephone - Diversay 3614.

Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Clegg  
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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United States Department of Justice

Charlotte, North Carolina

February 18, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On December 31, 1938 the Charlotte Office opened an espionage case upon receipt of information from Post Office Inspector Helmick, of Asheville, North Carolina, to the effect that Mrs. STEVENSON, who operates a boarding house at 243 Chestnut Street, Asheville, had become suspicious of the activities of a person using the name of THORNTON L. MOTLEY, a woman named JONHSEN, and a man named IMMEDIATO.

Investigation regarding these individuals has been reported in the case entitled, "SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED; SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES," and for administrative purposes instant case, which bore Charlotte file 65-14, has been closed.

Very truly yours

*Edward Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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February 17, 1939

Time -  
10:50 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM.

RE: INVESTIGATION OF SILVER  
SHIRTS BY CHARLOTTE OFFICE

In keeping with your instructions, I called Mr. Scheidt of the Charlotte office telephonically to inquire as to the progress of the report in this case.

He stated that a report dated February 13, 1939, had been mailed to the Bureau last night and that it undoubtedly was in the Bureau's hands today. He said that because of the ramifications of the case copies of the report have been designated for all offices in the country. He says he understands the movement is somewhat strong on the West Coast. He further advised that through a party known to him there is some chance of obtaining the records of the Silver Shirt organization.

He desired that the Bureau peruse his report carefully and that he would appreciate any suggestions as to the procedure to be followed. I asked him whether he had made any contact with officials of the Silver Shirts in order to obtain their organizational setup and the location of their locals throughout the United States. He said he had not done this because he had been advised by you that he should refrain from communicating with officials of the Silver Shirts for the present. He said that they have gotten considerable information from a police officer in Asheville, North Carolina, who is a member of the Silver Shirts; that additional information has been obtained from the Naval Intelligence which had a mail cover on the Silver Shirts for some time. The results of this mail cover are set out in the report submitted last night to the Bureau.

He said that he has two agents, namely Brown and Mitchell, working on the case exclusively and that occasionally he has other

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agents working on the case too. He said that in view of the work in the Charlotte office he does not know how long he will be able to keep two agents on this case exclusively.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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

February 17, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson advised me this morning that Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ebert K. Burlew called him and indicated that he, Burlew, had referred [redacted] to Brien McMahon and that he had another source of information in California, namely [redacted] who had a great deal of data. For your information, [redacted] is the person referred to the Bureau on Wednesday, February 15, by Mr. McMahon and Mr. McIntire spent the entire day of February 16 interviewing this individual who claims to possess a great deal of information about Pelley and his Silver Shirts organization. The majority of the information in [redacted] possession could be obtained by reading various publications of the Silver Shirts, although he does have certain photostatic copies of documents which Mr. McIntire is reviewing to see how much interest they may be to us.

[redacted] made an application for a Bureau position and his file is attached hereto. He mysteriously informed McIntire that he had been referred to the Bureau by a friend of his in Chicago. McIntire subsequently ascertained that this supposed friend was the head of the Anti-Defamation League in Chicago. It appears however from what Mr. Burlew has told Mr. Tolson that Burlew referred [redacted] to McMahon who in turn referred him to the Bureau.

The Bureau files disclose that [redacted] individual referred to by Mr. Burlew in his conversation with Mr. Tolson, is [redacted] Anti-Defamation League at Los Angeles. If you will approve, I will call Mr. Burlew and thank him for advising that Lewis is in possession of information which he believes may be of interest to the Bureau, and arrange through regular channels to have the Los Angeles office contact Lewis for what information he may be able to furnish.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm.

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Date 2-17-39

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR



Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ebert K. Burlew telephoned me this morning. He stated that recently he referred to Mr. Brien McMahon one [redacted] (?) concerning un-American activities; that McMahon was out of the office this morning and he wanted to advise me of the name of another man, [redacted] Los Angeles, California, who he states has a lot of information which he will disclose to the right party. Mr. Burlew stated he did not want to furnish this information to the Dies Committee or to anyone else except the Bureau.

I spoke to Mr. Tamm, who stated Mr. McIntire has been talking with [redacted] (?) and that he would check our files on [redacted] before taking any further action with respect to him.

*We ought to find out what he has.*

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202 U. S. Court House,  
El Paso, Texas,  
February 21, 1939.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Re: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. B. BROWN dated Charlotte, N. C., February 13, 1939 in the above entitled matter which contains undeveloped leads for all offices to check their files on subversive activities, with particular reference to the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., and furnish the Bureau and Charlotte office with any information contained therein.

This is to advise that the name "Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc.," does not appear in our index and I have reviewed the files on subversive activities in this office without finding anything which concerns this organization.

We do have a file on the Gold Shirt organization, which was headed by GEN. NICOLAS RODRIGUEZ, a Mexican. The activities of RODRIGUEZ were investigated by this office in 1938 under the title "PABLO L. DELGADO, et al, Neutrality Matter."

Very truly yours,

R. J. UNTREINER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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914 Johnston Building,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

February 23, 1939.

Commander R. P. ~~X~~Whitemarsh,  
United States Navy,  
Headquarters Sixth Naval District,  
U. S. Navy Yard,  
Charleston, South Carolina.

Dear Commander:

Your reference: AB-5/ND 6  
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Your communication dated February 8, 1939, transmitting certain enclosures has been received, and I wish to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

It will be appreciated if you will continue to forward copies of the mail covered as long as same is in effect. However, it will not be necessary to forward copies of the magazine "LIBERATION" as this magazine is being obtained through other sources.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DETAILS: <u>AT PEORIA, ILLINOIS:</u>  A review of the pending and closed files of the Peoria Office regarding Subversive Activities does not reflect any activities in this district of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated.  - REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -			
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Files in Little Rock Field Office do not contain any additional information regarding Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated, or any kindred organizations.

R. U. C.

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DETAILS:

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Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Re: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA,  
INCORPORATED; SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. B. BROWN, Charlotte, North Carolina, dated 2-15-39, in connection with the above entitled case.

Please be advised that the files of this office on Subversive Activities have been checked for information concerning the Silver Shirt Legion of American, Incorporated with negative results.

Other than the examination of the files contained in this office, no further investigation has been made or will be made in the absence of a further request from the Office of Origin.

There being no further investigative activity in this district, this case is being referred upon completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

R. P. CULBERT  
Special Agent in Charge

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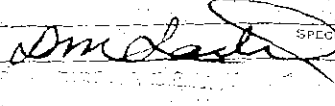
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**CHICAGO**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/24/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/23/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. J. DEVEREUX</b> <b>WJD:JMS</b>
TITLE <b>SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES</b>
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In the same file it is noted that a MR. M. C. CHAPMAN, 5540 Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, employed with the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Chicago, Illinois appeared at the Chicago office on November 9, 1938 and stated he had been invited to attend a meeting of the Silver Shirts and that meetings were held on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week at 4405 Wentworth Avenue, second floor, in the home of FOREST REED TAYLOR, although MR. CHAPMAN was not quite sure of this name. He stated that this individual appeared to be the leader of the group, and he described him as being about 40 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weight 140 pounds, dark hair, bald in front, with poor diction and apparently a limited education. This man was alleged also to be a member of the National Rifle Association and claimed to belong to the Silver Shirts because he was able to obtain a Springfield rifle and a .45 caliber automatic pistol.

MR. CHAPMAN in referring his complaint stated that in his opinion the organization is a "Jew baiting combination" and submitted to the Chicago office various papers, the same being a copy of "The Revealer" of October 15, 1936, a pamphlet entitled "Self Preservation Fight", copy of the magazine "Liberation" of October 14, 1938, copy of an article entitled, "Positive Proof Jews back U.S. America Reds", and two small stickers relating to HITLER and calling attention to the manner in which Jews slaughter cattle. The material mentioned was forwarded to the Bureau on November 9, 1938 and returned to the Chicago office by the Bureau, the Bureau having made copies of the material forwarded.

Nothing further appears in any of the files of the Chicago office of this nature.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM.

There is attached hereto one copy of the magazine "Liberation," dated January 21, 1939.

There is on page 3 an article commenting upon the Bureau's proposed investigation of the Silver Shirt Legion. The article appears to have been provoked by the attached newspaper clipping which was taken from the Chicago Herald and Examiner for January 9, 1939.

Photostatic copies of "Liberation" magazine have been prepared and are retained in this office.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire

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CHICAGO HERALD & EXAMINER

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Submitted by the Indianapolis Office



Fritz Gissibl.

# G-Men Penetrate Inner Councils of Chicago Reds



Peter Kuhn.

Special agents of the federal government are attending all meetings of the German-American Bund, the Silver Shirt Legion and other un-American secret organizations in the Chicago area, it was learned yesterday.

This revelation was made as agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the secret service and intelligence units of the United States concentrated their investigation of Nazi and Communist activities in this region.

The investigation of Nazi and red activities, made even before President Roosevelt announced a drive against foreign agitators to be headed by Frank Murphy, new Attorney General, has revealed Chicago as the center of both leftist and Fascist propaganda.

## Join Secret Cliques

Borrowing Communist methods of "boring from within," the investigators it was revealed, have joined up with the secret organizations, are attending all meetings, and in many instances have won positions of trust in the bund.

The agents, it was learned, not only are present at the regional meetings of the Bund in the headquarters at 3855 N. Western av., but attend small drill sessions where the Nazi catéchism and marching regulations are taught.

Other agents have watched and are still watching the activities of Roy Zachary, anti-Semitic agitator from Washington state who recently appointed himself Mid-West marshal of the Silver Shirt Legion.

## Plot to Kill F. D. R.

Meetings of the legion which have precipitated several riots in Chicago during recent months have been an open book to the government. The Secret Service, it was learned, has a complete file on Zachary which includes his reported pledge to take President Roosevelt's life.

Other agents keep a constant watch on Peter and Fritz Gissibl, Chicago Bund leaders, and when Peter paid a visit to Germany last year the government was kept informed of his activities there.

In a similar way, investigators have ferreted out all activities of Fritz Kuhn, national Fuehrer of the Bund since he left his native Germany to become a chemist for a large automobile manufacturer in Detroit.

It was while working as a chemist that Kuhn was selected as national leader of the Bund which had been formed, as a storm troop organization from German clubs. For a year he retained his job as chemist after he was made head of the Bund, but press of duties led him to resign his industrial position and move to New York to direct Nazi activities.

Last February, when Kuhn sailed for Germany to report on his organization activities here and get instructions from the central Nazi propaganda bureau, investigators went with him and

## U. S. TRAILS THEM



ROY ZACHARY

Heads Silver Shirts



FRITZ KUHN

National Bund Leader.

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# Liberation

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★ ★ **Vigilance** is the Best **Security** ★ ★

Test question for Felix Frankfurter: "If Pelley appealed a suit against the Federal Radio Commission to your Court, would you decide he had the right to use the Air to sell the nation's Gentiles on the Silvershirts?"

OL. X—No. 7 ASHEVILLE, N. C., JANUARY 21, 1939 PRICE 10 CENTS

## TROUBLE ABROAD HIDES JEW MESS AT HOME

**T**HIS cramming of the Austrian Jew Felix Frankfurter down the throats of 115 million indignant and protesting Americans, whether they want him on the Supreme Bench or not, is by no means the major thing which International Jewry proposes to make us take—and like! Before the defunct Locust-Swarm is shoveled out, it appears that we must take—and like!—a war against free anti-Communist and anti-Yiddisher foreign governments. Having made a cataclysmic mess of the nation's government and economics, the only way to cover up is to divert Gentile attention to Trouble Abroad. And the way to talking about Trouble Abroad, is to perpetually and consistently insult anti-Communist nations until in maddened desperation they unleash a submarine or two, or blow sundry apertures in the United States flag. Then Jew machinery starts promptly to function. Our Head Russocrat presses Congress for the war-time Conscript Act, constitutional Government goes by the board, Congress vacates in practice, and Five Big Jews take over the conduct of the nation. All anti-Communist and anti-Yiddisher leaders are jailed for "sedition"—or sent to concentration camps where they may give no aid or comfort to America's "enemies"—and bogus War-Time Prosperity replaces the pseudo-prosperity reported by the deviled New-Dealers each time that a new hog-her is put upon the public payroll in Oshkosh, Wis., summoning more adolescent piggies to the pen and be butchered.

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**I**T SHOULD be called to the attention of an unsuspecting Congress that the technique of insulting friendly nations has now been elevated to the status of a fine art. Such technique—let it be entered for the record—commenced with the poison-gas attack on Japan, in Chicago, October 5, 1937, when our Head Russocrat gnashed out the speech written for him by Bennie Cohen and Tommy the Cork, demanding that something be done to “quarantine” aggressor nations. Since then the steady verbal beating of the war drums has settled to a drone.

The failure of the Yiddisher kabitizers to precipitate a general war in Europe, threw the whole Jewish war-propaganda campaign into one sickening tailspin. Indicative of how World Jewry felt about the Munich Pact may be summed up in the comment of our Unofficial President-Kommissar who fervently hoped to have the 246 major war industries put back under his control. He called the Pact: “—an ignominious acceptance of defeat before a stronger power that only puts off the day when war must come.”

War must come! Do you get it? *War must come!*  
It is the Jewish Theme Song, chanted as a mantra.

**Y**ES, sir, War must come! Why? Because three nations abroad have catastrophically decided not to let their national affairs be conducted by Jews. In fact, those nations have gone so far as to boot out the Jewish war-mongers and trouble-makers, and because they have done so, we free Americans must get busy and thrash ‘em!

So the war drums roll, and the tomtoms beat, and it is a dull day in Koshertown-on-the-Potomac that some official New-~~Dear~~ Stooze does not hoist himself before a mike and blatt the air red with the gush of fresh insults.

No nations threaten us, but the Israelites are sore. They have lost power. They have lost face. All their brag and belch, about no modern nation's being able to run or be prosperous without them, has shown itself to be quite as much myth as that this race in principle is God's Chosen People. God, it seems, isn't paying the slightest attention to that Pact with Abraham. He seems to have forgotten it. Nobody wants the Jews to be the messiahs to the universe.

Therefore, in the vernacular, the Gentile earth smells!

We have, consequently the shiver and shout about “hemisphere defense,” “continental solidarity,” “bad neighbors,” and “aggressor nations.” Nobody can be more offensive or non-gracious than the psychopathic Hebrew when someone has suggested that he isn't so much. Translate this into the octave of international relations and “the war-clouds” gather. Do they gather of themselves? No, one race gathers ‘em. Gathering war-clouds is its traditional occupation.

**W**HEN no one gets at all excited about Russocampo's suggestion that we quarantine Japan, Honest-Harold Ickes takes up the Gripe. He designates Germany—openly and unabashedly—as a criminal nation. Ruled by blackguards, sez he, who are setting back Jewish civilization for uncountable decades, she represents the final word in unspeakable depravities. The German people are prosperous and happy. When the Yiddisher kibitzers try their Dorothy-Thompsonist to make Europe another shambles, four or five truly Christian rulers get their knees together under a table—without a single suggestive shove from the knee of a Yiddisher—and fix everything up peaceably. So Harold is MAD! Without war, how

can he use that nice half-million-dollar radio station atop the Department of the Interior which the taxpayers have settled for? He insults Hitler. He insults Henry Ford. He insults Slim Lindbergh. He nearly passes out from his own poison gas.

The American public remarks “Ho-hum!” The German newspapers remark “What can you expect? With the American Federal Government Jewish, Jews must unload their congenital blasts of hate wherever they are frustrated.”

So Anthony Eden comes over and goes into a huddle with Ickes and Sumner Welles. Sumner nods his head, goes through a door, and dictates more insult. It goes on the cables. Germany ignores these stoolies for the cloak-and-suiters. So the Big Boy receives another speech from Bennie and the Cork.

¶ He goes before Congress and lets Congress have it. War MUST come! A billion dollars for the national defense. We live in the midst of a volcanic world. *Blah! Blah! Blah!*

**W**HEN will the American people—through their Congress or otherwise—see through the whole of it?

Well, when “Bob” Reynolds, senator from LIBERATION's home-town in North Carolina, shows signs of arousing—as indicated by his recent remarks in the papers—it begins to look as though the long-awaited millennium is dawning.

“Senator Bob” as he is “affectionately” known in Asheville, happens to be one of the members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. That makes him important. And Senator Bob lives in the town where four years ago the Jews tried to turn the heat on a certain Silvershirt leader named Pelley—for writing about all these fecund subjects which now interest Senator Bob so much, only Pelley did it about five years ahead of the thinking of his community. Pelley's Trial broke wide open the question of Jews and Jewish Control throughout the metropolis of Asheville, and the Jews made the discovery that Asheville held scores of influential citizens who couldn't see the said Jews for dust.

Senator Bob comes back to Asheville and can't help but hear the comment of his fellow citizens—who occasionally evince such “un-American” bad taste as to read LIBERATION. True, slathers of Jews make it their business to get aboard the Pullman and ride with him as far as Greensboro, whenever he returns to Washington. But this past summer Senator Bob took a Pullman ride to a place where Jews constitutionally couldn't accompany him, and most certainly dropped out of his companionship en route: to wit, Germany!

Having gone to Germany, of course Senator Bob was forced to come back. And to his Gentile stupefaction, it wasn't a bit like the Jews said Germany was, in the newspapers—even the Asheville newspapers where the Jew department stores dictate what Old Man Elias shall print as evening news.

Therefore cometh this blurb which is not a blurb. Saith Senator Bob from the profound depths of his senatorial bosom—“The British government sent Anthony Eden to the United States to curry favor and carpet the path that will be traversed when the king and queen come here to curry favor on bended knee.”

He also caustically observed that the American people “are sick and tired of their representatives, state and national, pussy-footing” on foreign policy. Then he went right to the heart of our perilous situation—

“We have got to combat our enemies-from-within, and not do  
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# A Nation Rotten with Spies Means Jews in the Saddle

**S**PECIAL agents of the Federal Government are attending all meetings of the German-American Bund, the Silvershirt Legion, and—as the *Chicago Herald and Examiner* adds—“other un-American secret organizations in the Chicago area, it was learned this month.” This “revelation” was made as agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the secret service and intelligence units of the United States, concentrated their investigation of the Nazi and Communist activities in the Chicago region.

The investigation of Nazi and Red activities, (notice how Jews connive to link the names of the two together in the smear-news!), made even before President Roosevelt announced a drive against foreign agitators to be headed by Frank Murphy, new Attorney General, claims to have revealed Chicago as the center of both leftist and Fascist propaganda.

“Borrowing Communist methods of ‘boring from within,’ the investigators—so the ‘revelation’ announces—have joined up with the secret organizations, are attending all meetings, and in many instances have won positions of trust in the Bund. Other agents, say the Chicago papers, have watched, and are still watching, the activities of Roy Zachary, Anti-Semitic agitator from Washington State, ‘who recently appointed himself midwest Marshal of the Silvershirt Legion.’”

The *Herald and Examiner* of Monday, January 9, goes on with this colossal piece of libelous misrepresentation: “Meetings of the (Silvershirt) Legion which have precipitated several riots in Chicago during recent months, have been an open book to the government. The Secret Service, it was learned, has a complete file on Zachary.

And so on and on, far far into the night of the Stygian blackness at present enshrouding the public intelligence. . . .

**T**HIS sort of thing, printed and reproduced in thousands of copies of newspapers going out to the hoaxed and hoodwinked Chicago public, makes it appear that the Silvershirts are a mighty dangerous organization for common citizens to join. In the first place, they are “secret” and in the second place they are under surveillance by the government for implied criminal activities.

And in connection with the *Herald and Examiner's* article, the tabloid prints pictures of Roy Zachary with a bandage about his head, and an alleged photograph of Fritz Kuhn of the Bund—which was not Fritz Kuhn at all but some particularly odious Jew—and plasters a screamer-line at the top—

## U. S. TRAILS 'EM

Under Zachary's picture is the by-line: “Heads Silvershirts.” By means of such subversion, libel, and Jewish newspaper filth to the Sons of Judah bethink to stem the tide of Anti-Semitic sentiment which is now being promoted to open hatred by such untruthful and unwarranted splurges of propaganda.

By such “revelations” it already begins to be disclosed as well why such a notorious Red-lover as Frank Murphy was appointed to the head of the Department of Justice. This Silvershirt “menace” must be nipped in the bud, and if a \$25,000 congressional committee can't conjure up stuff against it—because it doesn't exist to conjure up—the official Washington OGPU will do so, pronto, and small nonsense about it. And the Jew-kept press follows up faithfully and does the accompanying smearing, that organizations like the Silvershirt Legion may be made to appear as odious as possible and men like Pelley and Zachary shown to be public enemies, subject to the same “trainings” as once distinguished Dillinger or Pretty Boy Floyd.

The fear of the Reds does not come from the fact that the government may crack down on 'em—they feel that with such men as Russo-Campo, Frankfurter, and Murphy in power, they are nicely protected and championed, now. The fear of the Reds comes from the appearance and growth of the “secret” organizations—and great bodies of Gentile patriots who are not being bamboozled one little bit as to what the Yiddishers are doing to a predominantly Christian-Gentile United States.

A “secret” organization—just in case you aren't aware of it—is an organization which is a bit “choosy” about admitting Bolsheviks and Jews. Good Communists and Yiddishers are unable to get into 'em to work openly and “bust” 'em, so the roar is kept up in the press that they're “un-American” . . . And the “government” is after 'em!

*It's a compliment!*

**I**N the first place, there's nothing in the Constitution of the United States that indicates it to be any sort of crime for citizens in good standing and possessed of their right minds, to join or direct a “secret” organization! Certainly the Masons and B'nai B'rith are secret organizations, and the FBI doesn't investigate 'em or the kept press fulminate against 'em. But by artful propaganda cunningly presented, a psychology has gradually been built up that members of the Silvershirt Legion or German Bund are somehow breaking a great and imposing statute of the land by belonging to a “secret” legion—or a legion whose basic purpose is to refuse admittance to Jews and Reds. As a matter of fact, neither the Silvershirt Legion nor German Bund is particularly “secret.” . . . They merely state that Jews and Reds cannot come in!

So the Jews and Reds glory in the circumstance that their personally supervised and conducted FBI sends its bright young G-Men to get into such bodies as unabashed spies.

It is made to appear that these bright young men are somehow subjects for adulation, for performing such feat. This, irrespective of the fact that a spy under any circumstances is about the lowest and most contemptible creature in the human

universe—excepting when obtaining military intelligence for the defense of his country in time of war.

Spies, however—particularly governmental spies—are characteristically a Jewish institution, and constitute an approved feature of the Israelite's tactics to destroy or smash whatever opposition distinguishes his predatory activities toward any nation or body-politic.

When the Israelites under Joshua approached the Land of Canaan, their first maneuver was to send out their spies and "case" the country for the Jehova-approved burglars who were presently to infiltrate and take the place over.

Spying has now reached such a status in our Judaized Federal Government, that every governmental department headed up by a Jew has its swollen staff of espionage agents, *all paid for out of YOUR taxes, remember!*—whose job it frequently is, to spy upon each other.

Washington reports have it that the most pretentious spy outfit in the whole Potomac ensemble exists under, and is directed by, "Honest" Harold Ickes, of the Department of the Interior. Why in the name of fifty-seven bob-tailed babboons the Department of the Interior requires a vast spy system set up and maintained on taxpayers' money, is one of those Jewish mysteries not as yet fathomed by a dumb Gentile public. The natural conclusion is, of course, that they're on the job to crush out opposition to Ickes as the Department of the Interior Commissar and enable him to find out where enough "bodies

are buried" in other departments so that he continues indefinitely in federal influence.

But *we* pay for it!

And *we* suffer it, because we first suffered this great mob of incipient Bolsheviks to come over here and introduce their diseased oriental methods of ruling, into our free and constitutional United States!

**F**OR 150 years this nation has endured and gotten along passably well, without this nefarious spy system introduced into Federal Government. Imagine what a howl of rage would have gone up if millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money had been set aside under Abraham Lincoln, Grover Cleveland, or William McKinley for a federal spy system so great and so pernicious that one branch of the government, or one department of the government, had its spies set constantly over one another!

*These things have been inducted into our present political regime with the coming of the overseas Jewish Russocrats!*

And now the Attorney General's office, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all become merely an extension of the Ickes spy racket, and a vast network of espionage agents, working to make America safe for the Sons of Jacob!

Washington itself is already infested with this Jewish locust-swarm of "espionage" agents—Yiddisher Snoopers to you!—

to such an extent that three Gentiles can scarcely gather on a street corner in the lunch hour to discuss their favorite football player, without some weasel-eyed Seed of Abraham's emerging from the nearest doorway and lingering near enough to overhear what's being talked about.

It's the supreme fester on our body-politic at the present time. But the Yiddisher sees nothing unethical about it. He wants information constantly as to how the Gentile is thinking and reacting to him, in his seizure of this American Land of Canaan. Furthermore, it unnerves and angers the honest Gentile to feel that some hooked-nose snoopster is constantly in the offing, keeping perpetual tabs on him.

**B**Y ITS own admission in the *Chicago Herald-Examiner*, however, the Department of Justice is proceeding along precisely the lines which LIBERATION warned about, some two to three years in the past. Hoover would be allowed to go ahead and build up his capable force of energetic and competent young G-Men. Then at the proper time, the whole mob of 'em would be switched to the job of tailing the folks who become fed up on Jews!

*How Hoover must hate himself, being made the bootlicking office-boy for this crowd of overseas subversionists!*

Let no one become particularly alarmed, however. This sort of thing—carried to excess—precisely like the insolent and insufferable Murphy and Frankfurter appointments, scoops out so many more metaphorical shovelfuls of dirt from the graves of the conniving

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# Should We Champion Men Who Champion Judaists?

**T**HOUSANDS of petitions are fluttering to and fro across the nation, on which it is desired that signatures be appended, beseeching Congress to make the appropriation of \$150,000 which Martin Dies wants to continue the work of his Committee in probing "un-American" activities. Silvershirts from one end of the nation to the other are being solicited to sign these petitions. They are writing or wiring Headquarters to know how the Silvershirt Legion stands on the work of the Dies Committee, now that its reports are in, and its first session finished without the Silvershirts' suffering particularly from the probe.

"After all, Dies did do good work in unmasking Madam Perkins and bringing the numbers of Reds in the Administration to the attention of the nation!" is the argument advanced as to why these petitions should be signed. But Chief Pelley is viewing all such petitions with his tongue in his cheek.

It is true that Martin Dies and his Committeemen did not overly maul the Silvershirt Legion. *But was there any reason in the first place why they should have done so?* On the other hand, scarcely a news item was permitted to get out to the press of the country, regarding the Dies activities, that did not tie in the Silvershirts with Fascists and Communists.

Still, it is far and away beyond any such personal concerns that causes Chief Pelley to look askance now at a general perpetuation of the Dies Red-Witch Hunt.

**F**IRST of all, the Dies Committee did not bring out one single piece of intelligence, throughout a whole summer of hearings, that was not previously known to both press and public. The fact that neither had the unmitigated courage to take note of them, and publicize them, due to a psychological inferiority complex in the face of predatory Jewry, is no especial reason why a congressional committee need go on furnishing more smear headlines to further bedevil the nation and make a great patriotic propagandist out of the Congressman from Texas.

Then there is another thing which the Dies Committee emphatically did *not* do. It did *not* make the slightest attempt to probe into the background and essence of Communism, and try to find out who was sponsoring it and generally promoting it. That would have flashed the Jew Question squarely in front of the American people.

Instead of daring to flash the Jew Question squarely in front of the American people, Dies from first to last attempted to carry water on both shoulders, make it out that Jews were very fine people indeed and that it was "un-American" to say a word against 'em, no matter how putrid or pernicious were their activities and braggadocio in the face of a wholesale onslaught of Yiddisher locusts from Europe.

This asinine, deceitful, and inconsequential procedure is akin

to investigating the causes of the World War but ignoring the personages of the Kaiser, the Czar, and Poincaré of France, or investigating the causes of the dope traffic in the United States but saying that no censure should be visited upon the purveyors of the stuff, because, after all, there are millions of human beings who are not purveyors.

Under date of November 15, 1938, however, the newspapers of the nation carried the following "news" item under the headline—

## Hate Purveyors Chosen by Dies

Washington, Nov. 14.—Representative Martin Dies (D.-Tex.) selected Sunday what he called an international team of "purveyors of hate."

Dies said his purpose was to apprise the American people that "what is happening in Europe in spreading hatred is gradually taking place in this country."

He promised additional selections from time to time, explaining that at the end of the year "we may award a medal with a rattlesnake on it to the one who has performed the greatest service for hatred."

Dies said he had divided the team into two divisions, one "purveyors of racial and religious hatred," headed by Josef Stalin, and the other "purveyors of class hatred," led by Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

Among the members of the American division of the "purveyors of class hatred," he said, were John L. Lewis, chairman of the CIO; Secretary of the Interior Ickes; Harry Hopkins, the WPA administrator; Earl Browder, leader of the Communist party in the United States; Clarence Hathaway, who Dies said was editor of the *Daily Worker*; James Ford, Negro Communist; Paul Sifton, assistant to the Federal wage-hour administrator, and David Sapos, economist of the National Labor Relations Board.

Dies said his selections for the American division of the "purveyors of racial and religious hatred" included Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American bund, and William Pelley, who he said was head of the Silver Shirts.

**T**HERE is no denying the fact that Congressman Dies has done good work in congressionally authenticating what the Silvershirts have been screaming at the American public for five years. But what sort of federal farce is in progress that such open-and-shut facts, attested by evidence on every hand, need to be authenticated?

If Dies will give it out in a blunt statement—and no equivocations—that he is going to probe into the causes and promoters of Communism, the Silvershirts will back him up with an influence that needs no silly petitions to get him his appropriation, and add a loud hurrah into the bargain. Otherwise the "work" of the Dies Committee has been a great benefit—to Martin Dies—and that's about all!

There's another probe of the Hate-Purveyors coming, but take it from LIBERATION, Martin Dies isn't going to head it.

¶ Petitions to Congress? *Ho-hum!*

Why not use all that good ink to get up a rattling good petition to Congress to investigate the Sons of Jacob and while Congress is about it, impeach their Head Russocrat?



# FRANKFURTER'S APPOINTMENT GOOD FOR 50,000 NEW SILVERSHIRTS

**P**ROBABLY the only man in the country who was not disposed to sigh or gripe all over the place when news of the Frankfurter appointment to the Supreme Court came in, was the Chief of the American Silvershirts. This was by no means due to the fact that he had knowledge in advance that such appointment was to be made. It was due to the fact that the Chief of the American Silvershirts appreciated to its fullest what a boon it would be to the enhancement of his organization if the appointment came on schedule, just at this time when the outstanding question before the American public is that of anti-Semitism.

If Russo-Campo and his White House Sanhedrin had the unmitigated Yiddisher crust to cram another Jew down the throats of the Gentile electorate at this fraught time, it would be good for 50,000 Silvershirts added to his organization's ranks within the coming six months!

To man at the head of a growing national body like the Silver Legion, is going to see anything but the utmost good luck for himself and his cohorts in a politico-racial blunder so incredible as that which Russo-Campo has been guilty of committing the past ten days.

So! "We get another Jew!" is the consensus of national comment. "Whether we want another Jew or not, we get him! And on our Supreme Court—where he stays after the New Dealers have been kicked out of power! There weren't enough Gentiles available for a job like that. The choice naturally falls to a Son of Jacob!"

There is a way in which such comment is made that betokens something more behind it than mere political rancor. Truly, the hard-luck—insofar as the Silvershirts are concerned—would have come in the circumstance that Felix Frankfurter had *not* been appointed!

LET it go without saying that there are plenty of Gentiles sore about it. They are sore about it, not alone from the angle that Felix Frankfurter is a Jew, and an Austrian Jew at that—born in Vienna, November 15, 1882—but that he is generally regarded as one of the outstanding "radical" Jews of the whole nation and chiefly responsible for the alien induction of the alphabetical bureaucracy that over the past ten years has altered the aspects of political life.

It has been his "bright young men" who staffed the New Deal. As James True, in his current Industrial Control Report: Evidence submitted to the sub-committee of the Senate this week, shows that in Roosevelt's appointment of Frankfurter to the Supreme Court, *a gross insult has been offered American Christians*. In their treatment of witnesses appearing against Frankfurter, members of the sub-committee showed that they were all for Frankfurter. Surprisingly, there was opposition to the appointment from industry. Opposition furnished by patriots who were paying their own way. On Saturday, all Senators received a telegram of vigorous

protest from Colonel Latham R. Reed. There was slight variation in wires to Southern and Northern senators. The one to the Southerners ran as follows—

**F**RANKFURTER is on legal committee of National Association for Advancement of Colored People, most prominent group in southern States fighting white democratic primaries demanding black and white children attend same schools and complete negro social equality. For twenty years, Frankfurter has served on national committee of the American Civil Liberties Union, which was exposed by the United States Naval Intelligence Report, April 1, 1935, as Communist aiding organization. It printed an attack on the American Legion in pamphlet entitled *Who's un-American? An Answer to the Patriots* and opposes saluting the American flag and singing patriotic songs in American schools. It has publicly sponsored mass meetings with the American Association for Advancement of Atheism, and Communist Party's International Labor Defense. Frankfurter was publicly denounced by Theodore Roosevelt for misleading an un-American defense of the criminal I. W. W. Before confirmation, his long record of un-American activities with Communists and radicals, and his attack on the United States Department of Justice in 1920, should be thoroughly investigated. See report Joint Legislative Committee, State of New York, investigating seditious activities, 1920, House Report 2290, 71st Congress and Dies Committee reports and American Civil Liberties Union exhibits."

Colonel Reed's telegram about covers the situation. A group of New England women also wired a vigorous protest to every member of the Senate.

The tragedy in the whole episode is, that patriotic private citizens apparently have to go out of their way, leave their own daily business, and keep vigilance against such an appointment's being made by the Senate, as though the confirming Senators were either a crowd of hostile aliens themselves or each and severally guilty of *non compos mentis* in such Federal situations. One would imagine, to take an abstract view of the whole procedure, that the lily-white minds of Senators had never been besmirched by the slightest knowledge of the record of a man like Frankfurter, and the only way they had of knowing about it was the information gratuitously supplied by civilians at the eleventh hour, just as such fraught appointments are about to be confirmed.

**G**EORGE E. Sullivan, prominent Washington lawyer and anti-subversive writer, opposed the confirmation on the ground that Frankfurter is alien-born, is alien-minded, with many alien affiliations, and that *the appointment would wrong many loyal Jewish Americans!* He concluded: "I feel that many members of the Bar throughout the nation would have taken like action, had it not been for two things: First, failure of the press of the country to acquaint the Bar generally with

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ie matters to which I have called attention, and, secondly, recent press propaganda seeking to convince everyone that it is as useless to protest, because such protest would receive only 'outline consideration' and that confirmation was 'inevitable'."

MRS. Elizabeth Dilling of Chicago, patriotic lecturer and authoress of the *Red Network* and *Roosevelt's Red Record and its Background*, expressed the belief that "the fate of our nation now rests largely in the hands of those sound legislators of the Democratic Party who will place their allegiance to American principles first, and ahead of loyalty to Party belief or control, and who will thus prevent their Party from being further discredited by their enforced support of Communistic legislation and appointments."

Mrs. Dilling read sixteen pages of testimony, supported by evidence, proving Frankfurter's intimate connection with many communistic movements. From the Constitution she quoted: "Treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort." Then, on the ground that Frankfurter for nineteen years has been giving aid and comfort to the enemies of this government, she said: "I beseech the Senate of the United States to refuse confirmation to the Supreme Bench where he may exert his pernicious influence for life!"

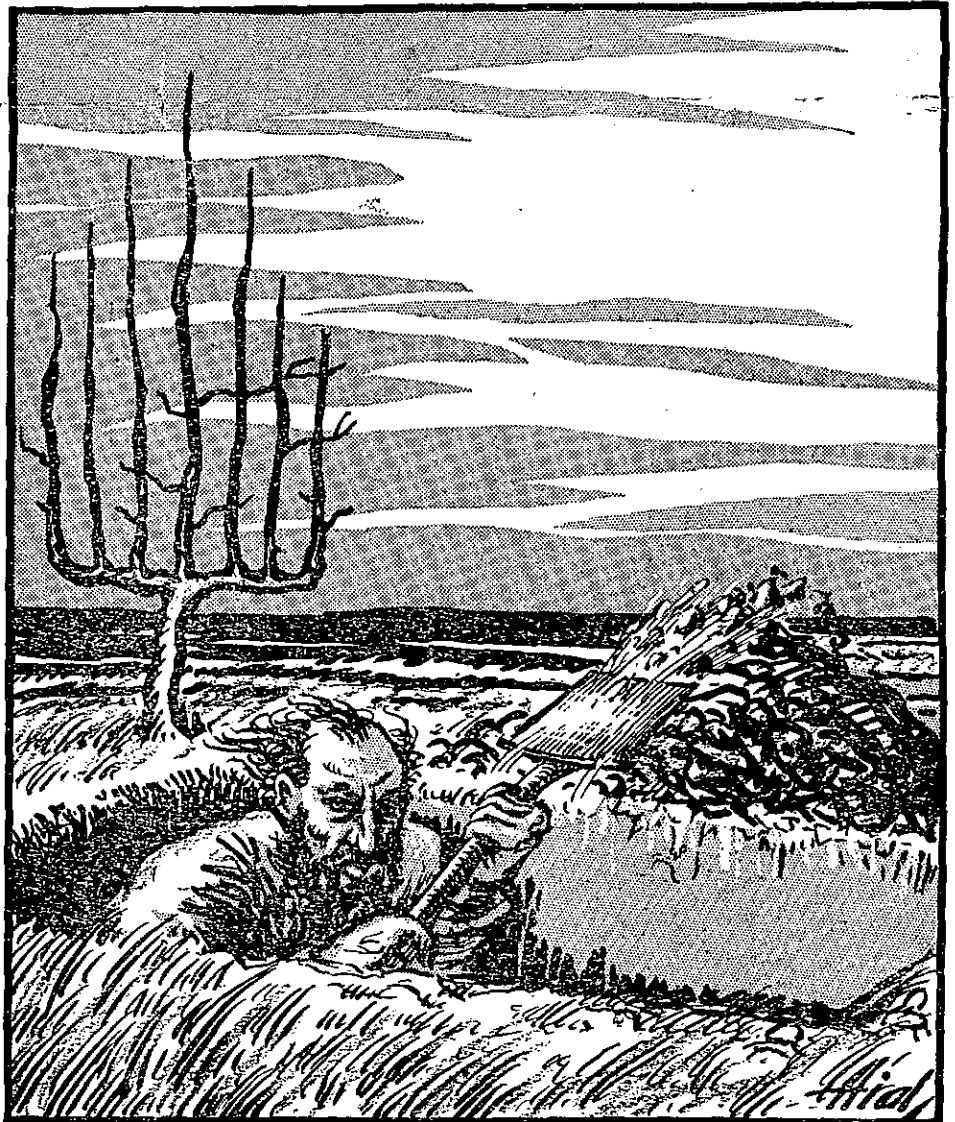
OLD Bill Borah took it mostly with a yawn, excepting those times when the testimony in any manner made reference to Frankfurter's race. "Are you opposed to this man because he is a Jew?" was shot or "snapped" at several of his witnesses. Instead of showing loyalty to his own Aryan-Christian flesh and blood and "giving" right back: "Yes, I am!" most of them knuckled down to Old Bill's pro-Yiddisher testimony and wheezily said no, of course not, they were only agin Felix because he ran about with his ghty little Reds or liked negroes, or ate pepper on his ice cream.

Bill, as head of the committee hearing these patriotic gripes, had his stuff to do, and he did none of that race-prejudice talk in front of that committee if Old Bill were to have anything to say about it—and to all intents and purposes Old Bill intended to have quite a lot to say about it. Having represented the Guggenheimer State all through his political career, and being one of those Big Boys who had formerly done no harm in our recognizing Yiddisher Bolshevism, all reference to anything Jewish was avoided. One might almost suspect that Old Bill

had a goodly infusion of the blood of Abraham himself, to note the avidity with which he championed God's Brazen People. "That's what's drenching Europe with blood!" he is reported to have cried hotly on one occasion. The implication was, that any mention of Jews was drenching Europe in blood—or so Old Bill made it appear. Calmer observers were not aware that Europe had as yet been drenched in blood—excepting in the headlines of the Jewophile American newspapers. But Old Bill apparently reads 'em, and so, to his way of thinking, Europe is drenched in blood. And this hearing on the confirmation of Frankfurter wasn't gonna be drenched in blood. The Guggenheims mightn't like it.

So any mention of Frankfurter's race was deliberately avoided or witnesses were browbeaten into sidestepping it. By such asinine tactics would these Yiddishers, or stooges for Yiddishers, keep the oceanic surf of the racial question swept back from the shores of American public opinion with a Nevadian whiskbroom!

THE TRAGEDY of the whole business—and the farce of the piece—is, first, that Frankfurter being confirmed, he is in that fecund job for life, and second, that the great rank and file of the American people, watching such high jinks from afar, are against Frankfurter's going on the Supreme Bench because he is a Jew—and no nonsense or equivocation about



You can't fool the mass of the people forever. There is a Jew who has come to earn the undying suspicion and indignation of the American Christians for his affiliations with "radical" groups—a polite name for Reds—and because no matter what argument is advanced to the contrary, he is credited with being the real father of the Sovietish Brain-trust and the creator of all the alphabetical soup in Federal Departments in this Administration, which the American Gentiles have by no means stomachied.

And that is not all!

Thus nominating him for the post, Russo-Campo has dissembled with exactly what crowd he is playing, and what his night commitments are, to the agents of international Judahism abroad. "This appointment of Frankfurter is all I've really needed to convince me!" is what can be heard throughout the nation since Frankfurter's name was sent to the Senate.

O, no matter how rancorous Old Bill Borah acts in trying to keep the anti-Semitic question out of Senate inquiries, no matter how oily and plausible the Jew himself makes it appear, that he should receive the place, or no matter how inferable his appointment stacks up, with antipathy toward the Jews in the Administration's taking its current patterns, Chief Pelley of the Silvershirts is smiling to himself.

The appointment comes as merely one more bit of conclusive demonstration that the Overseas Gang is out to Judaize the United States. It is only one more convincing argument that

Russo-Campo Administration is *Red*—clean down to its washed heels. It is only one more basis of contention that "can happen here" and *is* happening here, and the only escape from it is a racial crisis after the pattern of Germany's, which, and after which, this unhallowed influx of the Sons of Jacob shall meet its Waterloo, and the Jew be disfranchised, isolated and quarantined, while American Gentiles take back their stricken country and cure her of her insufferable illness. It is the Jews themselves who are promoting Anti-Semitism in America, because they have a congenital "blind spot" in the matter of seeing that they *are* of a different race and temperament from the millions of Gentiles making up the preponderant numbers of the census, and that these preponderant numbers are being owned and supervised by an alien-minded ten per cent of the populace.

The appointment to the Supreme Court of outstanding radical Yiddishers is a direct slap in the faces of the American people and the Russo-Camp Followers, on this volcanic Semitic issue. If the sub-committee passed Frankfurter as a gesture of defiance in this Semitic issue, let it not be surprised if vast numbers of the American people likewise make gestures of defiance at the proper time in the matter of ridding the nation of both Jew-championing sub-committee and the Austrian Yiddisher who thus puts American Anti-Semitism to the test. As a matter of fact, 'tis said behind closed doors at the Capitol, that such was Russo-Campo's purpose in appointing Frankfurter—to send up a trial balloon on the Semitic Question as well as to get Frankfurter on the Supreme Bench while the Yiddisher Administration still has opportunity.

In these days, with this Yiddisher Administration sowing hate throughout the nations of the earth, to say nothing of the forty-eight American States, there is going to be no more opportunity to appoint them to any official place whatsoever. If the *gueltefische* court-pack goes insolently forward, and Chief Pelley of the Silvershirts smiles in satisfaction.

## Did World Jews play the Yanks for Suckers?

The World War is twenty years back in history, but millions of good Americans are still as ignorant about what caused it, and why Uncle Sam got into it, as they were the day it opened. Now the same international crowd is working overtime to similarly embroil us with Germany, Italy, and Japan. It's high time that the shocking truth was brought to the American people and particularly the veterans of the American Legion!

### "DUPES OF JUDAH"

is the title of a new 80-page booklet that has been written and published to lay bare to the American Legion what actually happened behind the scenes from 1914 to 1918. This timely work is

By CHIEF PELLEY of THE SILVER LEGION

Get the full inside story of the World War by a man who knows what he is talking about! This will be one of the hottest-selling booklets that this printing-house has issued to date. The price is the same as for *The Hidden Empire* or *The President knows!*—

**25c Single Copy      Six for \$1.00**

The appointment of Frankfurter alienates another couple of million people from the Yiddisher Administration, and over a period of time, at least a quarter of them will clamor to get remedial action from all of it, ala the Silvershirts.

The old adage has it: "Give a thief enough rope and he will hang himself."

The modernized version of the same thought is: "Give these Yiddishers plenty of opportunity to demand of the Gentiles 'What are you going to do about us?' and—metaphorically speaking—the Jews dig their own graves!"

## We Know How the Cards are Stacked

MR. ROOSEVELT is trying to give Tax-and-Tax, Spend-and-Spend, Elect-and-Elect Harry Hopkins a new role as Secretary of Commerce. An expert in getting men to quit working, and to dislike work, Mr. Hopkins now angelically announces he is going to put on a campaign to get industry to put men to work. Mr. Hopkins might start in working on the case-hardened Yidds who are running the NLRB and urge them to cease and desist sabotaging industry and encouraging bigger and better strikes. In imagination we can see the amiable Mr. Hopkins sitting down at the cocktail hour in Washington with Morris Ernst of the NLRB to plan to put men back to work. Mr. Ernst doesn't like to see a prosperous America either.

IN 1937 the lovable Reds of the USA who have muscled into labor unions caused about 4,700 strikes in the United States. The first nine months of 1938 there were about 1,650 strikes. The 1938 strike record declined because the American people got tired of Red Revolutionary activity. However, John L. Lewis and his Jewtopians still have ideas about closing factories and bringing us to a state of anarchy and chaos.



# Nice People, these Jews, How they Make us Love 'Em

**I**NSULTS, vulgarity, the assumption that all men holding contemptuous indignation for the ethics of the Jew must of course be running a racket, writing unsolicitedly to tell them so, and patronizing them by a cynical camaraderie—these are the characteristic methods of the Yidishers domiciled in America it seems, to make people of some reserve and good taste, like them. Following is a characteristic Jewish letter, typical of hundreds of such trash, received by *LIBERATION* in the course of the year. A non-committal and civil reply sent to this Jew's first epistle of abuse is referred to, by him, as "laying bare the soul." Here truly is racial insolence at its best—and worst—

Dec. 17, 1938.

Dear Friend Pelley:

Quite a few years have elapsed since I last wrote you. I was under the impression that you were languishing in prison until I learned that you were still at your nefarious occupations.

I had occasion to come across a number of issues of *LIBERATION* at the public library, and I mentally compared them with the first issues of *THE LIBERATOR*, which were most interesting because of their esoteric content—what a lamentable degeneration!

Every psychologist will tell you that a reformer is an individual who reviles his own character and wishes to correct his own shortcomings by mentally projecting them into other individuals, then castigating them, thereby acquiring temporary self-ease. Anthony Comstock was a classic example. William Dudley Pelley and Adolf Hitler are two other classic examples—not to mention Mussolini and a number of other less important lights. They are reformers in a wide sense of the word. I realize I am complimenting you by associating your name with the other "great" people. I sincerely feel sorry for these malformed individuals—malformed both morally and spiritually.

As far as *LIBERATION* is concerned, most of its contents is "canned" Nazi propaganda. It is readily recognizable by its tenor, the cheap vituperation and blatant vulgarity of its general tone and phraseology, which is precisely the same as that appearing in the *Voelkischer Beobachter* and *Angriff*.

I wonder if you realize how amusing to an intelligent reader are your innocuous statements, stupid innuendo, and downright lying, not to mention the childish rationalization you resort to habitually. But, of course, you couldn't possibly exist if your readers were intelligent, rational people . . . they must of necessity comprise a collection of gullible, emotional and unthinking backwoods rabble who are always ready to don some kind of shirt and loudly proclaim themselves 101 percent Americans . . . pure Aryans, no less.

In a letter you once wrote to me quite some years ago, you honestly "laid your cards on the table," as you phrased it, and

laid bare your soul. Honestly now, Pelley, isn't it easier to make a living in a straightforward manner rather than continuing with your "racket"? Where will it get you eventually? Are you trying to win Hitler's good will and a soft berth when he acquires control of the entire world, as you probably fondly believe? Read the prophecies in the Bible, my dear Pelley. If you can interpret their meanings, you will find Hitler and Mussolini clearly described. Find the passages that mention the "Beast with the Iron Teeth" and the "Anti-Christ."

We are now in the midst of the Battle of Armageddon. The forces of evil (which you are helping to generate, incidentally) are combatting with the forces of good. I agree with you that there are Jews who are evil geniuses—but there are a vastly greater number of Gentiles who sow incomparably greater evil. You are as wrong as the Dictators are wrong in concentrating all your strength in reviling the Jew. They do it to hide their own evil masks.

The outcome of the present turmoil is clearly foretold in the Bible—which is why Hitler forbids its being read. Hitler is fulfilling his destiny by persecuting the Jews—because the Jew is destined to return to a homeland, and he must be made so unhappy and miserable that he will gladly embrace Palestine as a haven and Heaven. Would you care to hear a little further prophecy? When his work is finished, Hitler will be assassinated by his own trusted men and Mussolini, when the time is ripe, will fly in a plane and meet with a mishap and neither will ever be found. David Windsor will return to England and will be appointed Governor of Palestine, after which it will be completely occupied by the Jews—thus fulfilling the prophecy that the Jews will enjoy times such as they never saw before under the rule of their re-incarnated King David.

I read your piece about Henry Ford. Henry Ford is a good friend of the Jews for an excellent reason—if it weren't for them he would not and could not remain in business. Do you know that the Commercial Investment Trust corporation, which finances every Ford car and truck sold, is headed by Henry Ittleson, a brilliant Jewish business man? Ittleson is practically a partner of Henry Ford's.

I am giving this information to you because I look forward with amusement to an article headed "Henry Ford Finklestein." Some friends and I almost burst with laughter when we read that Silver Legion members would stop buying Ford cars—that would mean a loss of at least two or three cars, if there are that many members who have the wherewithal to buy cars.

I am long-winded and could go on indefinitely. But I shall bring this letter to an abrupt close. I look forward to hearing from you, if you can condescend to write to a non-Aryan who is able to think a little more clearly than the little men associated with you.

With much sympathy,

SAMUEL GREENFIELD

33-09 31 Ave., Astoria, L. I., New York.

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## **History Was Made in 1938**

**W**HEN the review editor of the Feature Service of the *Associated Press* checked the news events of 1938, he led off with this anonymous verse:

In fourteen hundred and ninety-two,  
Columbus sailed the ocean blue;  
The year of nineteen thirty-eight  
Is known as the Munich Conference date.

The Munich Conference led the list of the ten most important news events of 1938. Then Hitler disclosed his full stature by his masterful statesmanship, Prime Minister Chamberlain emerged as a world figure who is destined to go down in history as a man who arose to a high occasion, and Mussolini demonstrated his ability to join with three other European statesmen to adjust crying wrongs in Central Europe and maintain a positive peace. Daladier of France went along with the other three and became, almost involuntarily, a statesman of some importance.

The Munich Pact did much to right the wrongs of the Versailles Treaties, and the ill-fated Jewish League of Nations sank to a position of innocuous desuetude.

Second in the list of 1938 events was the setbacks received by President Russo-Campo. He stepped on the political banana peel.

Anti-Semitism came in as the third most important event. The psychopathic leaders of Jewry have forced the Jewish question into the open. Prophecy is dangerous, but we venture that this subject will occupy first place on the list of ten news events for 1939, especially in the United States. We'll do our part!

Corrigan's flight, and hurricanes, took fourth and fifth places,

¶ Sixth on the list is the rearmament program.

War in China was seventh and Recovery eighth on the list.

¶ That lovely "Martian Invasion" broadcast by Orson Wells drew ninth place. That was significant in that it demonstrated how people may react when the Jewish Bolsheviks let loose the hellish terrors of the Red Revolution in this country. "It Can't Happen Here!"

And we've made a good start—with Roosevelt!

**T**HIS isn't kosher, and we expect every Jewish publication in the country to burn the bearings out on their presses getting out squawks about *Time's* selection of Adolph Hitler as the *Man of the Year* for 1938. Said *Time* digest-mag: "For 1938 there was only one serious contender: Hitler. Greatest single news event of 1938 took place on September 29th when four statesmen sat at the fuhrerhaus, in Munich, to redraw the map of Europe. . . ." We doubt that Rabbi Stephen S. Wise is going to take this insult lying down!

## **Trouble Abroad Hides Jew Mess at Home**

(Continued From Page Two)

so much talking about the enemies from without. These enemies from within are the aliens who are attempting to destroy our government.

"What the hell is the use of spending millions for a national defense program to safeguard our country against a foreign invader, when the termites are boring from within?"

"This defense program should include my bills to expel criminal aliens and aliens who are in this country illegally."

Since Senator Reynolds is now a member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, we trust he will have a few bull sessions with the Committee Chairman, Senator Pittman, and set him right in his thinking on the question of an American foreign policy.

**S**O the war drums beat! beat! beat! till one of two things happens: Either the Yiddishers get their war, or the Gentiles get their shovels. Daily and hourly the gripes against them increase in clamor. Daily and hourly more protests arrive in Washington, D. C., against admitting any more Yiddishers into seats of federal power.

And the Great Fisherman receives a sound thrashing on his PWA Bill, and retaliates in advance by naming Murphy to the Department of Justice and Frankfurter to the Supreme Court. These are measures of defiance, gestures of callous challenge to the forces who would purge the nation of its kosherites! Will Congress see through the chicane of the whole of it? Well, "Bob" Reynolds, it seems, is awakened in the Senate.

"For small favors, dear Lord, make us duly grateful!"

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## A Nation Rotten with Spies Means Jews in the Saddle . .

(Continued from page four)

Judaists! "Why do we have to endure this sort of thing?" is the question inevitably to be propounded, when every corner wash-house and every Gentile family, holds a member of the Society of the Betrayers of Brothers.

The big thing to recognize in all of it is, *who* is directly responsible for the instigation and sustenance of it, and *what* the purposes are, being served, to make it of distinguishing feature in the United States Government as of the year 1939.

AS FOR the FBI's having its "plants" and stoolies in the ranks and meetings of the Silvershirt Legion of America, that's the prize laugh of the year. The ranks of Hoover's young G-Men are not necessarily made up of fools. Neither are they necessarily made up of Jew-lovers. Here and there some bootlicking worm may get himself on the Murphy payroll, to spy on Silvershirts who are openly and unabashedly saying they're in existence to purge the nation of Jews and Jewish Reds. But it's fairly plausible that the ranks of Hoover's young G-Men may likewise contain a few clean-minded Gentile patriots who see in the Silvershirts precisely the organization which the nation needs to save it from being pushed utterly over the cliff into the abyss of Jewish Bolshevism.

With Murphy at the head of the Department of Justice, we can of course expect that all these harmless little Communists and see-eye-owers are going to be neatly whitewashed or conveniently ignored. We can expect that the FBI is going to concentrate on the ranks of any organization that objects to Jews and Jewish Reds' becoming big-shots in the nation. But it's the crack-down that counts!

When the "terrible evidence" is all in, someone somewhere must do something about it. And in the instant that they attempt doing something about it, the great rank and file of Americans may have something to say about the official persecution of the man or men who have been brave enough to stand up in the face of all this lechery and skulduggery and say that the country has had quite *enough* of it!

It's exactly those men who are going to be the national leaders of Tomorrow!

Jews learn nothing from experience.

In the present instance, having observed what occurred in Germany and why and how they got shoveled from the Fatherland, they bethink to smash opposition against them by Bolshevism's methods before the vigilante menace becomes uncontrollable.

So let Murphy, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the White House Sanhedrin, "investigate" the activities of the Silvershirt Legion and "self-appointed" Field Marshal Zachary to their carmine hearts' content. But let them not forget that by the sheer momentum of Gentile public indignation arising against Jews and such Jewish eccentricities, the day may arrive when the tables are turned and a man like Roy Zachary heads the D-J himself!

As for the "government" having acquired a "complete file" on Zachary, it's *probably* the only file of undiluted Americanism to be found anywhere in the archives of the Stalin-worshipping New Deal!

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## KOMMISSAR KLAP-TRAP DEPARTMENT

THE INITIALS KKK, it appears, no longer stand for Ku Klux Klan. While everything else American is being changed, the KKK by no means can be overlooked. The initials KKK have been borrowed, plagiarized, stolen, snatched, and heisted. In other words, they have been swiped. They now stand for Kapitol Koshertown Kommissars. And the headquarters of the new KKK are Kapital City, D. C., more popularly known to the nation as Koshertown. Here gather the world's Kontraband Kabalists and Kut-ups. They follow the Mosaic law laid down by their Kublai Khan on the Supreme Kourt to "Organize! Organize! Organize!" Therefore the membership of the new KKK is now around four thousand. All members work in government departments. The more members, the more government departments. When a new Koshertite comes to Kapital City—bringing his relatives unto the third generation—they constitute a new government department. Such a government department is known as a Bureau. Thereby do we get the word Bureaucrats, sometimes misnamed Demokrats. The slogan of the new KKK is: "Save the Konstitution!" Their method of saving it, is to wrap the poor sick Konstitution in cotton wool and lay it away tenderly on a high shelf in mothballs. The Gentiles will be needing it—eventually—should they ever take it into their heads to return the nation to a republic.

HEADING the new KKK are four Kink-Konscious Kommissars. They are Messrs. Roosevelt, Ikeys, Morgenthaw, and Frankfurts. One Keeps Konscious of the Kinks in Kongress; the second Keeps Konscious of the Kinks in the Department of the Interior—meaning that section of the nation lying west of the Francis Scott Key Bridge—the third Keeps Konscious of the Kinks in the Treasury, and the fourth Keeps Konscious of the Kinks in the Supreme Kourt. There is a Fifth Kommissar, but he kontrives to keep out of the limelight. He is sometimes called the Unofficial President. His name, like Jehovah's, is Unmentionable. He rules from that city which is known as Jerusalem-on-the-Subway and he is the real Power Behind the Throne—that is, when they are thrown, and the place that they are thrown is out. It is not strictly kosher to mention the Unofficial President. He gives it out, when interviewed, that he is merely a Speculator. That is to say, he speculates on how much the Gentiles will stand for, before they rise up and make *gveltefische* of the whole Kleptomaniacal Krew. When he speculates that they will stand for a whole lot, he goes to Koshertown, slips in the Back Door, and "advises" Roosevelt. The nearer to midnight that the advice is given, the closer the country is to war. If the country is not close to war, he advises by daylight and sometimes by korrespondence. If he speculates that the Gentiles are not going to stand much more, he kites out for Europe and barooks himself



throughout such countries as permit it. However, to get back to the KKK—as the Unofficial President—soon as each crisis

THE new Kink-Konscious Kommissars, Messrs. Roosevelt, Ikeys, Morgenthaw, and Frankfurts, are the Unofficial President, War Ministry Government, and War Ministry Government functions, respectively. War—manufactured was preferred during the period of a National Emergency, is perpetual. It is known in the State of the Union." Upon each Congress, Kommissar Roosevelt, in the absence of the Unofficial President, much enjoys acting out his role as he is Boss—makes an Address to the State of the Union. His subjects are Germany, Italy, and Japan. Germany, Italy, and Japan, is the Union, which Roosevelt refers when he addresses Kongress.

smells, the higher mounts his voice. Sometimes he becomes so wrought up that the ether waves can't handle him. This is the condition that is known as Static. People usually turn off their receiving sets when static develops. This means that Kommissar Roosevelt has to do his stuff all over again the next night, or the next week, or the next month. The State of the Union—i. e., Germany, Italy, and Japan—is forever a Mess. Those countries and governments are admittedly prosperous and every citizen has a job. But they are subject to one-man rule openly. This is insufferable. In this country, only a quarter of the citizens have jobs, the country is not prosperous, and while there is one-man rule, it has to be kept a secret—because the One Man spends so much time in Europe "speculating" on how he can bring about another world war that the munitions plants of the United States may run on war orders, all other types of orders having been diverted by the kommissars to Czecho-Slovakia, Brazil, Russia, and Abyssinia. Between such addresses to Kongress on the State of the Union—of Germany, Italy, and Japan

—Lieutenant-Kommissar Roosevelt employs his time giving Fireside Chats, Going Fishing, advising in all the latest marriages and divorces of his progeny and trying to hold Konferences with Texas Jack in interests of Party Harmony.

JUST how long this revised and rehabilitated form of the KKK will endure, is problematical. The Kink-Konscious Kommissars confidently expect that it will be forever. They seem to be laying their plans to that end. Obviously, Europe has millions of such KKK's whom it is extremely anxious to be rid of. So the supply is apparently inexhaustible. On the other hand, so too is the supply of kinks. Making kinks in government, so that it will not work smoothly and thus require more and more KKK's to administer, is one of the most facile and expert things of which the Kapitol Kommissariat is kapable. A kommissar can arise from the bed beside his red-headed girl-wife at nine in the morning, be driven to his office by his Gentile chauffeur, have three fist-fights with brother kommissars about where he has the right to park his limousine, ascend to his office with its private elevator and lavender bath-tub, and have a new kink put into government five minutes before he has seduced his Gentile private secretary. It seems to be a gift. Anyhow, it doesn't kost him anything. Nothing ever kosts a kommissar anything. Everything—to a Kommissar in Kapital City—is expenseless. It is simply charged up to the taxpayers (Gentile), taken from the latest Revolving Fund—meaning that the said Fund revolves from Roosevelt to Ikeys, from Ikeys to Morgenthaw, from Morgenthaw to Frankfurts, and from Frankfurts back to Roosevelt. If there is any cash over, meaning "hard" money—which most of it is, according to the Gentiles!—it is promptly despatched in armored trucks to Fort Knox, Ky. There it is returned to the bosom of Mother Earth, like a skeleton from the Family Kloset, where it came from in the first place. Why these Kommissars pay miners to mine the stuff out of Mother Earth, mint it into coins, and then send armored trucks to bury it back in Mother Earth again, is one of those mental mysteries which no Gentile has ever been able to understand. But Gentiles are not supposed to understand anything done by the new KKK's. If Gentiles understood what the KKK's are doing, there wouldn't be anymore KKK's. So official psychopathies must be kept a dark secret.

THE BACK page of this newspaper will endeavor to keep the utterly non-comprehending Gentiles advised from time to time of the non-understandable klap-trap that the new KKK's are komponding on Kapitol Hill, in Koshertown, and elsewhere in the Kingdom of Israel, D. C. This revival of the KKK is interesting. Read backwards or forwards, it makes the same bedlam. Still, it all constitutes your government and should therefore be interesting.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 24, 1939

Time -  
9:15 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM.

RE: ONE FRIESEL

At this time [redacted] came to the Bureau and advised me that in Chicago approximately a month ago at the Sherman Hotel he met one Friesel, whose first name he does not know. He met Friesel through Roy Zachary of the Silver Shirts. He stated that Friesel has a strong German accent; that he was originally from Milwaukee.

[redacted] learned from James True yesterday that Friesel has been sent to Norfolk, Virginia, to do some organizational work on what is believed to be a Government project. He stated that Friesel is also to gather information.

I could not pin [redacted] down to anything definite. He stated this is all the information he has. He suggested, however, that Friesel might be down there for the purpose of selling Pelley's book entitled "The Hidden Empire" and that he also might distribute literature and pamphlets. He described Friesel as follows:

Age	50 to 52
Height	5' 11"
Weight	180 to 190 pounds
Hair	iron gray
Eyes	grayish
Face	smooth, but heavy
Hands	large and rough
General Appearance	that of a laborer
Speech	very fluent talker.

Respectfully,  
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K. R. McIntire.

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Huntington, West Virginia  
February 24, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Re: <sup>O</sup>SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF  
AMERICA, INCORPORATED;  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
J. B. BROWN, Charlotte, N. C., dated 2/13/38, wherein a lead  
was set out for all Field Divisions to examine the Office  
files on Subversive activities with particular reference to  
the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc.

I wish to advise that the files of the Huntington  
Field Division have been checked with negative results.

Very truly yours,

W. V. McLAUGHLIN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Re: <sup>0</sup>SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA,  
INCORPORATED.  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the report of Special Agent  
J. B. BROWN dated February 13, 1939 at Charlotte, North  
Carolina, please be advised that a review of the files  
in this office fails to reflect any information con-  
cerning the activities of the Silver Shirt Legion of  
America.

Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau

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Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Sir:                    Re-SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INC.,  
                                      SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. B. BROWN, dated at Charlotte, February 13, 1939, in the above entitled matter, which contains a lead for all offices to check their files for information concerning the subject organization.

I wish to advise that a check of the files at the Cincinnati Office fails to reflect any information concerning this organization.

Very truly yours,

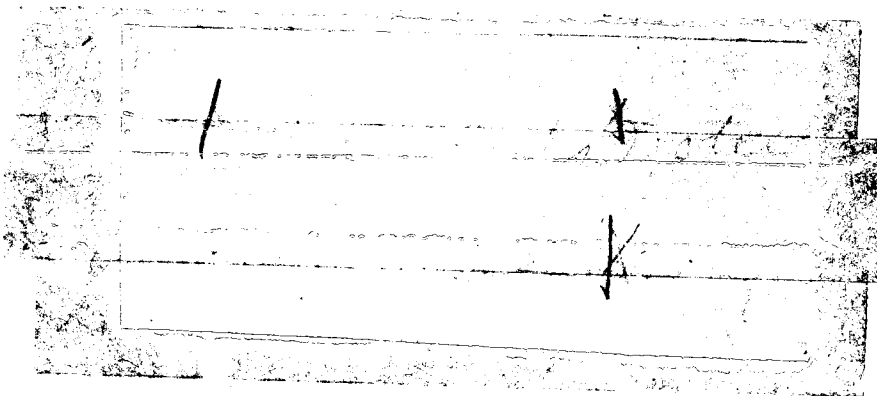
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Quote Weckung und Best.  
showing Silver Shirts  
at Bundes Cons.

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Clipping shows George L.  
Rafort of S.S. addressing  
meeting of German-American  
Republican Lg. and Citizens  
Protective Lg. headed by  
Kurt Mertig. Show any  
connections between Mertig's  
organization, B.A.B. and  
Mertig and S.S.

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Hans Metcalf  
interviewed on Zachary's  
statements re arms for S.S.

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Peter Gissiot &  
Checco has resigned from  
the Bund and may have  
very strong connections with Silver  
Shirts.

See also those who  
resigned in N.Y. from Weckhoff  
and Beobachter. My Nazi Memo.  
Does he know any other persons who have  
resigned in a "huff"

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1561- 245-X3 -

Show there must be  
a Silver shirt group in  
Sharon, Pa. for, on  
Nov 17. Zachary (Roy)  
was run out of town  
by World War Veterans  
They may have some  
info on SS in Sharon.

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Call Seattle's attention to  
this woman as a good  
source of info on S.S. in  
State of Wash.

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Also - p 18 re

American Publishing Co  
Seattle - Connection  
with Pelley.

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Daily Record (M.S.R.)

alleges that the S.S. then met  
with the B.A.B. - Make them  
prove this. (Show address  
of M.S.R. - appeared in Record  
on Dec 8 - 38.

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Shows that Pelley's  
"Liberation" Magazine  
of Feb 3-1934 was the  
first to publish the so called  
statement of Benj. Franklin  
re Jews.

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~~was not known~~

interviewed - He seems  
to know of the connection  
between S. Harris and the  
Bund. - Point out  
specifically that  
Sprink showed Pelly in Secret  
Conf with Nazi Agent Sidney  
Brooks who is the owner of  
Edwin Emerson. - Have  
Sprink interviewed on this.

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*Intermed V. R. Kinnel*

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Silver Shirt Legion  
Composed of more than  
5,000 men. Brought action  
in Dist Court - Wash D.C. on  
Jan 26-38, to restrain La Follette  
Committee from getting membership  
rules and records. This was  
turned down. Have Wash  
Trib Office check this action.

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Show possible connection  
between Ger-amm. Alliance  
and I.S.

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Show that Richard Starr  
and his father Frank Starr  
are organizers for the SS in Chicago  
and appeared before Judge  
Joseph Gradow of the Boy's Court  
on Dec 14-38.

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Note that pamphlets

"The President Knows" and

"What Every Congressman  
Should Know" were on sale

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15<sup>th</sup> St, Los Ang which is headquarter

of GAB - Deutscherhaus

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Alexander King  
has pictures on Silver  
Shirts - Protect our  
informant.

7560-29-

Home Detroit

Check Mr. Mrs. Edgar Wood  
and get full data on  
Lawrence Brown and all  
details available re  
establishment of Silver  
Shirts in Detroit. or Mich.

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Mrs. V. L. Harrington

Deputy Collector of internal  
Revenue. Tacoma

Seattle to receive  
full info on this - and  
Portland to check fully with  
Capt Walter B. O'Dale who  
has made quite a study of  
this matter -

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Silver Shirts are in  
46 states - Photo material  
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Willard Kemp

is Commander of the  
Southern Division with  
headquarters in Los Angeles.

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On Aug 16-33, the Christian  
Party idea was born.

The Silver Shirt program  
was projected in 1933.

electing Kelly to the  
Presidency of the U.S.  
in 1936. (See circular -

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Pelley linked up with  
an Publishing Co  
Society Box 165  
Seattle and Box 103,  
Bremerton Wash - also  
with Right Cause Publishing  
Co, Chicago.

Personal History of Pelley.  
See circular - "who is Pelley?"  
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On Jan 31-33 at Asheville  
N. C. he launched the  
Silver Legion.

On Aug 16-1935, Pelley  
founded the Christian Party  
as an All-Christian national  
party for the purpose of

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March 1, 1939

RE: WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY  
THE SILVERSHIRT LEGION OF  
AMERICA

The Bureau is in possession of a pamphlet entitled "What You Should Know About the Pelley Publications". This pamphlet attempts to narrate the trials, persecutions and tribulations which have confronted William Dudley Pelley and his organization, The Silvershirt Legion of America, since its formation:

Pelley in the publication of this pamphlet leans backward in refraining from being too modest. It is permeated with accounts of the various occasions in which Pelley claims to have been persecuted as a martyr in the fight which he has waged against all the country's evils.

No effort is being made to reproduce the entire contents of this folder. However, pertinent excerpts are being quoted herewith as of possible future interest:

"Pelley lives down in Asheville, North Carolina, where he runs a publishing house. He is likewise the executive head of a national organization called The Silvershirt Legion of America. Here is the brief story of Pelley, his publications, and the organization which he founded in 1933:

WHO PELLEY IS

"Pelley is a former newspaper publisher and novelist, 48 years old, who back in 1917, was sent out to the Orient by the Methodist Centenary to make a survey of Foreign Missions. While engaged in this errand, the Siberian Intervention was decided upon. Pelley got into khaki and went up into Siberian Russia. For nearly a year he traveled behind the Allied battle-lines as special survey official for the International Y.M.C.A. - - He saw Communism strike Russia from a first-hand observation.

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"This Pamphlet may be found in 61-7560-2-25

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"Returning to America in 1919, he resumed his newspaper publishing. But the vicissitudes of the next ten years finally took him to Washington, D. C. There he formed contacts with some of the biggest men in the Hoover Administration. His social friends included the Secret Service attaches of half a dozen foreign governments.

"Pelley began to be horrified when he learned that many of the worst world scoundrels - whose names had been of daily anathema among his war associates in Siberia - were turning up here in the United States and insidiously laying schemes to sovietize this country.

"When the panic of 1929 hit the nation, and Hoover was succeeded by Roosevelt, Pelley was further staggered to behold these same international renegades gaining official positions in the heart of our government. - - He compared notes with Secret Service men quite as frantic as himself. He had access to many of their reports. - - He came to realize that unless someone suddenly stood up and did something about this menace, the United States was slated to go the bloody Communistic way of Russia, Hungary, Spain and pre-Hitler Germany. So Pelley became almost the first man in this country, as the NRA came in, to stand out alone and attempt to warn his fellow countrymen that a vast plot was afoot, engineered from overseas, to seize the Democratic Party, the Congress, and the government, and achieve by secret and tricky legislation the same regimentation of free American citizens that had been effected in Russia - -.

#### LIBERATION IS BORN

"Moving from Washington, D. C., to Asheville, N. C., where better printing facilities were available, Pelley began the publishing of a 12-page weekly journal. It was called Liberation.

"The first issue of Liberation came out at about the time of the infamous Bank Holiday. The Blue Buzzard was then bedaubing all American shop windows. Roosevelt was being acclaimed the Transcendent Magician who would restore the country to normal in a twelve-month.

"Pelley had ways of knowing that the Roosevelt Policies were being propounded by the same minority bloc of radicals who had financed the revolution whose horror-scenes he had lived through in Russia.

#### THE SKULLDUGGERY EXPOSED

"This is not the first time in the nation's history that a lone journalist, adept in the use of language, with the courage of his convictions and a wealth of irrefutable information, has shaped the national destiny.

" - - Pelley began a wholesale publishing of the basic skull-duggeries that were everywhere in progress behind the scenes of State. In other words, 'he gave the works away!' With no profanity intended, his writings raised hell!

#### THE SILVER LEGION

"What can be done about this thing?" demanded people of intelligence who were reading Liberation - -. 'We can all of us get together in a nation-wide group' responded Pelley 'and so equip ourselves with a knowledge of Red-Jewish tactics, purposes, and plot-steps, that each in his respective locality shall know instantly how to lead or guide his unlearned fellow citizens when the aroused Christian element of the nation finally takes the form of vigorous vigilantism. In other words, there is a way to frustrate this revolution - -.'

"So to actualize the recommendations he was making weekly through Liberation, its editor founded the nation-wide organization that was called The Silver Legion.

"The purpose of The Silver Legion was to enlighten and train leaders who should be competent to act in a time of crisis - binding them together in a unified whole - so that there might be cooperation and cohesion among them throughout the forty-eight States.

"To recruit millions of men would take too much time, but if a handful of influential people were recruited in each place, and those people stepped forth and assumed charge of aroused citizens when red-strike situations were precipitating the



"the destruction of citizen life and property, the effect would be the same as though those aroused citizens were tacit members of the Legion itself. Such was Pelley's plan and The Silver Legion started. Within three months it had begun to scour!

#### OPPOSITION AND PERSECUTION

"Sufficient to state here briefly that Jewish New-Dealers in the Congress, infuriated at having their machinations mercilessly exposed - particularly by one man - started a mighty ball rolling to smear Pelley from the scene.

"A congressional committee was hatched up, affecting to investigate 'un-American' activities. - - Its purpose was to probe and smash The Silver Legion, secure a list of its members and send agents to terrorize them individually, then work as it could to land Pelley in jail.

"At the same time, groups of New York radicals got a private purse together and hired ignorant North Carolina lawyers to go after Pelley's publishing concern and put it out of business. Acting in cahoots with a North Carolina political ring, charges of having violated the State's Blue-Sky law against unregistered stock-selling were brought against Pelley. The attack came on several fronts at once. - - Pelley had only the slender resources from his Silver Legionnaires, with no political pull whatsoever. - -. The full force of utterly bedeviled public opinion was massed against him. The radio was insolently denied him. For a period of seventeen weeks his publication was suppressed - -.

"For a full seven months Pelley fought for his liberty - fought through most of those months mainly for his case to be brought to trial. When his case finally was brought to trial, it was proven that he had never sold a dollar's worth of stock in North Carolina - in violation of the Blue-Sky law or any other law - and the only thing the federal or local ring 'had on him' was a silly technical failure to register one of his corporations with the State authorities for the privilege of doing business in North Carolina and bringing thousands of outside dollars annually into the State. The Judge excused Pelley with a technical fine for this innocent oversight and he went back to his publishing business and his Silver Legion."

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Charlotte, North Carolina

February 17, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

Dear Sir:

Re: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INC.  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

*all - 61-7587-20X1*

Reference is made to letter to the Bureau from the Charlotte Division dated August 15, 1934 in the case entitled: GENERAL NAZI MOVEMENT INVESTIGATION; MISCELLANEOUS--NAZI MOVEMENT, transmitting certain material which was obtained from Mr. WILLIAM J. COCKE at Asheville, North Carolina by Special Agent R. L. FAGAN.

Among the material transmitted was an original map of the organization of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated, and by reference letter the Bureau was requested to make photostatic copies of this material and return the originals for transmittal to Mr. COCKE.

|| The file in this office does not disclose that this material has been returned by the Bureau.

For the completion of the Charlotte files in the above entitled case, the Bureau is requested to furnish the Charlotte Division with several photostatic copies of the original map of the organization of the Silver Shirt Legion of America. In view of the length of time which has elapsed since this material was transmitted to the Bureau, and since no demand for same has been made by Mr. COCKE, it is not deemed necessary to return this material to him.

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Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina

RE: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF  
AMERICA, INCORPORATED -  
Subversive Activities

Dear Sir:

In keeping with the request contained in your letter of February 17, 1939, there are being forwarded to you herewith five photostatic copies of chart of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

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Omaha, Nebraska,  
February 24, 1939.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

RE: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA,  
INCORPORATED: SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
J. B. BROWN, Charlotte, dated February 13th, 1939.

You are advised that there is no indication  
Subject is active in Nebraska. Some investigation was  
conducted by this office regarding that movement in 1934.  
The investigation was closed when no evidence was de-  
veloped that it was active in Nebraska.

Your attention is invited to the fact that a  
subsequent issue of "Ken" also carried a continuation  
article on the Subject.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Newark, New Jersey  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina

RE: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA,  
INCORPORATED - SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. E. BROWN, dated February 13, 1939, at Charlotte, North Carolina, setting out a lead for all offices to check their files on subversive activities and to advise both the office of origin and the Bureau of any information reflected therein concerning the above-captioned matter.

Please be advised that a check of the indices of this office fails to reflect any information concerning the SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED. In the event any information is brought to the attention of this office, same will be thoroughly investigated and copies of the reports submitted to your office, as well as the Bureau.

Inasmuch as no further work is to be done in this territory, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEBRUARY 23, 1939

Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

RE: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF  
AMERICA, INCORPORATED;  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
J. B. BROWN, dated at Charlotte, February 13, 1939,  
relative to the above entitled matter.

Examination of the files of the Des Moines Office  
fails to reflect any information with reference to the  
SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED.

Very truly yours,

R. C. COULTER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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San Francisco, California.  
February 28, 1939.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

RE: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA,  
INCORPORATED;  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. E. BROWN,  
dated at Charlotte, N.C. 2/13/39.

Due to the reported extensive organization and activities  
of the Silver Shirt Legion on the West Coast, the offices receiving  
a copy of this letter are being requested to submit two copies of  
their reports to the San Francisco Field Office, regardless as to  
whether leads are set out for this district and unless advised to  
the contrary by the Bureau.

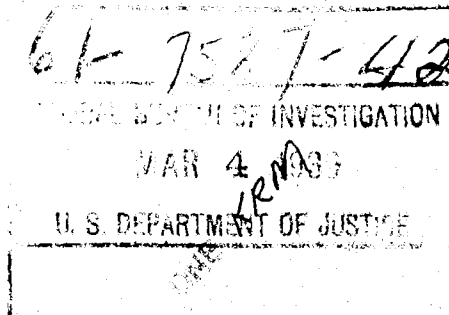
It is believed such procedure will be beneficial to the  
San Francisco Field Office in order to have knowledge of this organi-  
zation's activities on the West Coast as well as the result of the  
inquiries of the Bureau offices located in the 9th United States Army  
Corps Area. This will be in harmony with other matters under inquiry  
by this office in conjunction with the Army and Navy Intelligence  
Service located at San Francisco, California.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Los Angeles  
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St. Paul, Minnesota  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Re: <sup>0</sup> SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA,  
INCORPORATED - SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. E. Brown dated at Charlotte, North Carolina February 13, 1939 requesting this office to check its files for information relative to this matter.

This is to advise you that a check has been made and the only information apparently available in this office concerning the above entitled matter is reflected in the case entitled WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, et al, National Bankruptcy Act, of which the Charlotte Office is the office of origin. It also appears that your office is in possession of all of the available information concerning the WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY case.

Very truly yours,

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ROBERT C. HENDON  
Special Agent in Charge

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

March 3, 1939

Mr. D. M. Ladd  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter of February 21, 1939,  
and advise what steps have been taken to obtain certain  
photostatic documents pertaining to the Silver Shirt  
organization of America in the possession of Miles Goldberg,  
Secretary of the Anti-Defamation League.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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February 17, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM.

TO: [REDACTED]

FASCIST ORGANIZATIONS IN  
THE UNITED STATES

There is attached hereto a memorandum entitled FASCIST ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. [REDACTED] Informant, containing information furnished by [REDACTED] regarding the organizations noted therein.

[REDACTED] was referred to your office by Mr. Brian McMahon on the afternoon of February 15, 1939, and in keeping with your instructions I interviewed [REDACTED] on the evening of February 15 and also on February 16, 1939.

[REDACTED] Washington, D. C., his telephone number being [REDACTED] Extension 195. He claims to be a lawyer and admitted to the Bar in Columbus, Ohio in 1928. He declared he practiced law until 1933 and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

He advised that he is married and has a child. He did not give any direct reason for coming to the Department of Justice with his information. He intimated, however, that the information in his possession was known to an individual in Chicago. This individual I learned later is Miles Goldberg of the Anti-Defamation League. He said that the individual in Chicago mentioned this information to the Director and that the Director had suggested that the party having obtained this information firsthand should sometime drop into the Bureau and give the Bureau the benefit of his data.

[REDACTED] did not advise me why he went first to the office of Brian McMahon instead of coming directly to the Bureau, but he did state he talked with Brian McMahon for approximately one and a half hours.

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[redacted] stated that his real reason for bringing this information to the attention of the Government was that he has spent approximately \$4,000 of his own money without compensation in the Silver Shirt movement for a period of several months; that he is now solidly in the movement and in a position to obtain further data. He said that he would be willing to continue his activities provided he were able to make some financial arrangement with the Government. I told him that the Bureau would be willing to accept such information as he desired to offer at this time but that he would not be compensated. He stated he understood this clearly. He made known to me that he has numerous photostatic copies of documents picked up by him at the Silver Shirt headquarters in Washington, D. C., which documents are now contained in a safe deposit box in Chicago. I told him we would likewise be willing to accept copies of those documents but that we would not be in a position to compensate him for that material. He said he understood that thoroughly also. It appears, therefore, that his only desire for compensation is for such work as he might pursue in the future, if so authorized by the Government. I told him that there would be no way to judge at this time whether he would be authorized to proceed because in the first instance there was no law giving the FBI jurisdiction to investigate subversive activities and in the second instance it would be necessary to peruse his disclosures very closely to ascertain whether information submitted by him bore upon a possible violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction which would warrant the Bureau in employing him in a confidential capacity to ferret out further data which would enable the Government to go forward with a bona fide prosecution.

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[redacted] called me telephonically on the morning of February 17, 1939, advising that he is immediately communicating with Miles Goldberg in Chicago to have the photostatic copies of the documents forwarded to him in Washington. As soon as they are received he will communicate with me and make copies available to the Bureau through me.

Time - 3:00 P. M.  
2/17/39

At this time [redacted] called me stating he had gotten in touch with his contact in Chicago and has been advised that the photostatic documents will be brought to Washington Sunday night, February 19, 1939, and will probably be available to the Bureau on Monday, February 20, 1939.

Respectfully,

E. E. McIntire.

KRM:CJ

February 17, 1939

RE: FASCIST ORGANIZATIONS IN  
THE UNITED STATES

[REDACTED] Informant

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SILVER SHIRTS

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[REDACTED] advised that he has a friend in Washington, D. C. named Michael Aherne who is a lobbyist and who is acquainted with James True, publisher of the James True Industrial Control Reports. On about May 15 or 16, 1938, [REDACTED] met James True on the streets of Washington, advising him of his friendship with Michael Aherne and stating he, [REDACTED] was out of work. He explained to James True that he had been in the United States Army for five years in CCC work, whereupon True invited [REDACTED] to his, True's, home. True lives in the Lombardy Apartments, Apartment 411, located on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Eye Street, Northwest.

[REDACTED] visited True's home on three successive days and learned that True maintains an office in his home. True was cautious to make a note of the personal history of [REDACTED] including his qualifications, and at the end of the third day told [REDACTED] he knew a man who could use him,

[REDACTED] Thereupon [REDACTED] mentioned these matters to his friend, Mr. W. A. Julian, Treasurer of the United States, whom [REDACTED] had known previously in Ohio. [REDACTED] explained to Julian that he did not want

to get into an embarrassing situation, but Julian counseled that [REDACTED] could play along and obtain such information as might be available.

On or about June 3 or 4, 1938, James True and [REDACTED] went to see William Dudley Pelley at the latter's office, 307 Insurance Building, located at 15th and Eye Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C. A suite of three offices is maintained here for Pelley's use. It is rented in the name of Harrison F. McConnell, who is the attorney for Pelley. On this visit, [REDACTED] met McConnell and a Lawrence Brown, who is associated with the Silver Shirt headquarters in Washington. Pelley did not put in an appearance until August 4, 1938. [REDACTED] however, returned to Pelley's office each day until August 4th in an effort to see Pelley. On these occasions he observed a steady stream of people come into the said office

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and estimated that these people numbered between twenty-five and thirty daily. Some of these people were from out of town. They were not discussing legal matters, but rather matters pertaining to the Silver Shirts and other vigilante movements. [ ] declared that McConnell handles only and exclusively the legal work of William Dudley Pelley. McConnell's contract, according to [ ] calls for his representation of Pelley at \$100 weekly. This money is wired to McConnell from Asheville, North Carolina, by Miss Marian Henderson, who is the close confidant and the personal secretary of Pelley. Brown is the assistant of McConnell. ✓

When Pelley put in his appearance in Washington on August 4, 1938, [ ] told him that he, [ ] had been referred to Pelley by Trues. After a brief conversation Pelley withdrew into seclusion and presumably after going into a trance and being in consultation with his patron saint decided that [ ] was reliable and could be used. Thereupon Pelley communicated with his field marshal, Roy Zachary, at some point in Ohio, Zachary requesting that [ ] be sent to Ohio to work with him immediately. Pelley offered [ ] \$100 weekly as field organizer, plus fifteen per cent of all money which [ ] might collect. [ ] duties were to organize new members in the Silver Shirts and other affiliated organizations. At this point [ ] explained that Roy Zachary uses the alias of "Silvia," while Pelley uses the alias of William Goodale. Pelley registers under the name of Goodale when stopping at hotels.

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During his conversations with Pelley the latter claimed to [ ] that the Silver Shirts have a total membership in the United States of one and a half million. This appeared to [ ] to be a monstrous exaggeration. Pelley explained that the purpose of the Silver Shirt organization is to take over the United States Government and to establish a Christian Government, after the fashion of that in Nazi Germany today. Deciding that [ ] would be satisfactory, Pelley advised him:

"You stick with me and I'll make you the second biggest man in the United States."

This, according to [ ] is the statement Pelley makes to all persons who might be used by him. [ ] estimates that there are probably about 1500 Silver Shirts in the United States and that the weekly circulation of Pelley's principal magazine called "Liberation" is about 50,000 copies.

[redacted] declined the offer of field organizer, stating he would rather be a "friend" and at no cost to the Silver Shirts. Thereupon he was accepted with much enthusiasm and was given a key to the office. He declared that thereafter he sat in on the inner councils of the group in Washington, D. C. and is still close to that group.

[redacted] declared that one of the most significant things that occurred in his association with this group was on one occasion when Roy Zachary was in Washington. Zachary directly demanded of [redacted] to know whether the latter was a member of General George Vaneorn Moseley's vigilante organization in the United States Army. This is the first direct information that [redacted] had that Moseley had an organization within the United States Army. [redacted] declared that he has a letter of James True to H. H. Beamish, stating that Moseley is prepared to lead a Christian Army in the United States. Beamish is an extremely wealthy man who allegedly furnishes financial assistance to Hitler. He is an Englishman, living in South Africa, said to maintain an address at 30 Craven Street, London, England. He has the super-dictator idea and visits Hitler on frequent occasions. He works through James True and William Dudley Pelley in this country, but largely with True. The agent of Beamish in the United States is Henry Allen. Adrian Arcand is said by [redacted] to be Beamish's direct representative in Canada. [redacted] has the literature and the program of Adrian Arcand. Beamish is said to be president of the Fascist organization called the Britons. b7D b7D

[redacted] declared that the only councils of the Fascist group in Washington, D. C. are held at 307 Insurance Building and are attended generally by Harrison F. McConnell, William Dudley Pelley, Lawrence Brown, James True, David A. Olson, Thomas W. Fitzgerald and [redacted]. [redacted] explained that on rare occasions George Deatherage and George F. Christians attend council meetings. Fritz Kuhn is said to have attended one of their meetings in a hotel in New York City. [redacted] said that discussions at these council meetings generally concern ways and means of raising money - propaganda as in the United States Army - interesting additional Army officers in the program of the Silver Shirts, etc.

On occasions, according to [redacted] council meetings have been held in hotels in New York City, Buffalo, Philadelphia and Chicago. There are two brothers, George and Roy Sisler, said to be quite wealthy, who are interested in the Silver Shirt movement and who may be contributing funds. The Sislers are dealers in scrap iron which is sold to Japan. They live with a Mrs. Helen Dunigan in a home overlooking the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C. [redacted] explained that he has photostatic copies

of the complete organizational setup of the Silver Shirts in the United States, which he will make available within a few days. He explained that the Silver Shirts are organized along the lines of Army Corps Areas in the United States. [redacted] explained that, while James True and numerous other persons are not members of the Silver Shirt organization, they do work in close harmony with William Dudley Pelley; that they have similar aims and objectives but because of personal matters and selfishness cannot agree to fuse behind one leader. For this reason there is collaboration and a certain amount of cooperation between numerous fascist groups in the United States, but no cohesion. He stated by way of illustration that neither Pelley nor True will exchange membership lists, but each will furnish the other with the names of persons and organizations to which literature should be sent. [redacted] explained that one of the most important undertakings of the Silver Shirts is the sending of its strong anti-Semitic literature to the various Army and Navy posts throughout the United States and likewise to individual members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. He said that this had a tendency to make the armed forces of the United States, and particularly its officers, strongly anti-Semitic in their attitude.

[redacted] declared that he has visited the headquarters of the Silver Shirts at Asheville, North Carolina, on two occasions. The two principal persons who remain at these headquarters are A. H. E. Talpey, who is in charge of the printing, and Miss Marian Henderson, who is the personal secretary and confidant of Pelley. She handles the financial matters. In addition to these persons, there are about forty-two other employees at the headquarters. Mail is received at Post Office Box 2630, Asheville, North Carolina, and the headquarters is located at 114 Virginia Avenue. The headquarters consists of one old building. Talpey handles all of the income and disbursements relating to propaganda and printing; while Miss Henderson handles all of the finances of the Silver Shirt organization, independent of those handled by Talpey. All records are maintained by and kept in the possession of Miss Henderson. She keeps what is known as a "field desk," in which all papers of importance are deposited. When she leaves to go on a trip with Pelley she takes the "field desk" with her, which is nothing more than a large suitcase, suitably arranged for the keeping of records. The list of persons contributing money to the Silver Shirts and all financial records are thus maintained by Miss Henderson. The Silver Shirts do their banking through the Wallachovia Trust Company of Asheville. This trust company has two other banks at points outside of Asheville.

[redacted] stated that on his visits to Asheville, he obtained from the desk of Miss Henderson a calendar pad for November 14 or 15,



1938, which shows an item of deposit at the Wallachovia Trust Company of \$25,000. It is [redacted] belief that an examination of the income tax returns of Pelley would show that he has violated the Income Tax Law in reference to this \$25,000 item.

[redacted] stated that Calahad College is still maintained at Asheville, North Carolina. This is merely a grandiose term, for, in fact, there is no college as such conducted by Pelley. He has usually no more than one student there at a time and this student studies in the one old building devoted to the purposes of the Silver Shirts. Pelley is the only instructor. He has written a series of fifty-two lectures which are to be read and digested by the student. When Pelley is not there the student merely reads without supervision the text of the fifty-two lectures.

[redacted] stated it is his understanding that there are about twelve corporations or agencies involved in Pelley's undertakings. The ones he could recall are the following:

- 1 - Silver Legion
- 2 - Silver Shirts
- 3 - Pelley Publishers
- 4 - Liberation Press
- 5 - Calahad College
- 6 - Fellowship Foundation
- 7 - William Dudley Pelley, Incorporated
- 8 - Little Visits
- 9 - Reality
- 10 - Pelley's Weekly.

The other two could not be recalled by [redacted]. It is his understanding that all of these organizations are incorporated in the State of Delaware. [redacted] declared that he has copies of the Constitution and Bylaws of most of these organizations which he will make available. He informed that the La Follette Committee of the Senate on Education and Labor was interested in obtaining the rules and regulations and Bylaws of the Silver Legion, but that Pelley, through his attorney McConnell, successfully defended against this subpoena. [redacted] has these rules and regulations and Bylaws and will make them available.

The Silver Shirts have in Washington, D. C. a follower by the name of David D. Wayne. He visits McConnell's office every day or so. During the Dies Committee hearings he apparently attended these hearings and obtained confidential information from persons attached to the hearings, because occasionally he would drop into McConnell's office and furnish information as to what the Dies Committee was doing or intended to do. There is some intimation that Wayne may also have been working for the

Dies Committee, meanwhile double-crossing the Committee. Wayne has a home between Springfield and Annandale, Virginia. The home is located near the intersection of Braddock Road and Holmes Run. Here he has a small pistol range where persons interested in the Silver Shirts are enabled to conduct pistol practice. It is alleged that Pelley and True and others hold secret meetings at Wayne's home. [redacted] has never visited that place. [redacted] however, does have a map showing the location of this home and will furnish photostatic copies of the same. He further advised that Wayne works with a man in Washington who is a lawyer by the name of Rabb. Rabb is likewise one of Pelley's lawyers.

The Silver Shirt movement, according to [redacted] in New York State is headed by one Colonel Lathan Reed, who resides in a small town just outside of New York City and maintains a pretentious home in Florida. Reed is believed to be a stockbroker. He has been associated with Pelley for about two years and is completely "sold" on the Pelley movement. Pelley estimates that there are about 25,000 Silver Shirts in New York State. [redacted] believes that the records of the Silver Shirt movement in New York are maintained by Reed at his home. Reed is considered an "angel" of the Silver Shirt movement.

There is a Mrs. Harar in New York City who is likewise a strong follower of the Pelley movement. She is the wife of a prominent physician in New York City and maintains a home on West 57th Street in that city. In addition to being a devotee of Pelley's movement, she is also enamored of Pelley and will do anything he tells her to do. She desires to be a second Elizabeth Billing and now wishes to write a book. She has a book in preparation entitled "The Ritualistic Murders," which is an attack upon Jewry, the book being based upon the Lindbergh kidnaping. Allegedly she employs a former FBI agent by the name of Richet or Pickeral or some similar name, who is engaged in collating by card index system all of the Communists in the United States. She is likewise considered an "angel" of the Pelley movement and is obsessed with the idea that the FBI has her telephone tapped.

[redacted] explained that any rifle practice engaged in by the Silver Shirts of New York is done by its members in the National Rifle Association. He stated that Reed is a Colonel in the New York National Guard and that both Reed and Pelley claim to have control over Reed's Regiment. [redacted] is possessed of some letters and telegrams showing Reed's connection with Pelley, which letters and telegrams he is willing to make available.

[redacted] informed that there is an individual by the name of

Schier/Bryant, a wealthy man and an "angel" of the Silver Shirt movement, who lives in a swanky place known as the Union League Club in New York City. He is allegedly the only living original disciple of Mary Baker Eddy and he is now one of the leaders of the Christian Science Church in America. [redacted] has in his possession a telegram of Bryant to Pelley which presumably shows the close relationship. [redacted] informed that the membership of the Silver Shirts in the State of New Jersey is practically nihil. He explained that former Governor Harold Hoffman is regarded as the leading light of the Silver Shirts in New Jersey. [redacted] does not know whether Hoffman is actually a member of the Silver Shirts. While Hoffman was Governor, he sent his press releases to the headquarters of the Silver Shirts in Washington, D. C. In 1938 [redacted] saw an old telegram from Governor Hoffman inviting Harrison F. McConnell to commence habeas corpus proceedings on behalf of Bruno Richard Hauptmann. On the suggestion of Pelley, McConnell did draw up a habeas corpus proceeding but it was never filed. [redacted] has a copy of this document prepared by McConnell and will make the same available.

[redacted] informed that there is not much of an organization of the Silver Shirts in Pennsylvania; that Pelley is trying to sell the leadership of the Silver Shirts in Pennsylvania to some unknown person. There is, however, no leader there at the present time. There are small chapters called councils in Pittsburgh and Sharon, Pennsylvania.

[redacted] explained that in Ohio the leader of the Silver Shirts is Spencer J. Warwick. Warwick also has charge of the councils of Pittsburgh and Sharon, Pennsylvania. A claim is made of approximately 18,000 Silver Shirts in Ohio. Their greatest strength lies in Youngstown, Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton, Cleveland and Toledo. It is alleged that Susan Sterling, of Association of Leagues notoriety, is the Silver Shirt mainstay in Cleveland. The Silver Shirts seem to think that Ohio will furnish them with their best material in the future. [redacted] has a list of prominent politicians in Ohio who have subscribed to the Silver Shirts and will make this list available.

In the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois the leader of the Silver Shirts is Roy Zachary. He is officially the western field marshal of the Silver Shirts. He was originally a small town general merchant in a town near Seattle, Washington. Before meeting Pelley he commenced a movement in the northwest of a group of "strong-arm" men who were strongly anti-Semitic in their attitude and is reported to have organized a group of approximately 5,000 members; that with the accession of Hitler and the emergence of the Pelley movement Zachary contacted Pelley in California and explained the nature

of his movement and its strength in the northwest. At this conference the interests of each were mutually considered and it was decided that Zachary should join forces with Pelley in the Silver Shirt movement and that Zachary would be given the position of western field marshal. [redacted] stated that Zachary is typically of the thug variety. In Michigan the Silver Shirts claimed to have approximately 20,000 members. [redacted] has a book, a copy of which will be made available, containing the names of twelve or more important leaders of the Silver Shirt movement in Michigan.

In Illinois the Silver Shirt leader is Hugo Eger, who resides in Chicago at an address unknown. The Silver Shirts claim about 10,000 members in Illinois. b7D

In Wisconsin the Silver Shirts, according to [redacted] are well organized. They make the claim that Governor Keil "is their man." They claim about 6,000 members in Wisconsin. This membership, while not extensive, is claimed to be well "located." [redacted] has a book containing a list of the leaders in Wisconsin which he will furnish. The Silver Shirts claim to control the Wash-Kelvinator plant at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

In Minnesota the Silver Shirts claim about 20,000 members. Their meetings are held in a more or less clandestine manner and persons attend only by invitation. There was no explanation as to the reason for this except possibly because of Left Wing, Farmer-Labor Government in Minnesota until recent months.

In the States of Washington, Oregon and California the Silver Shirts claim a membership of about 40,000. Zachary is reported to hold drills and has bought some arms in the form of .22 calibre rifles which he has distributed in a meager way to the members. No definite information concerning drills or the use of firearms could be obtained.

In Texas the movement is not strong. Both William Dudley Pelley and George Deatherage claim to have gone down to Texas and talked with Governor O'Daniels and to have campaigned for his election. They likewise claim to have obtained certain commitments from him. There is no indication, however, as to the number of members of the Silver Shirts in Texas. It is [redacted] belief that there are probably no members in Texas.

With reference to Harrison F. McConnell, the attorney for the Silver Shirt movement, [ ] states that McConnell was formerly an attorney in Montana; that he was then made Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Department of Justice under the Harding Administration, but was let out because of intemperance, drunkenness or some similar charge. [ ] states that McConnell was also a former counsel in the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

#### MOSELEY'S VIGILANTES

[ ] explained that at the various council meetings in Washington, D. C., all persons interested had discussed the problem of obtaining a real leader behind whom all of the various anti-Semitic and pro-fascist organizations in the United States could be fused. At about that time General George Vandorn Moseley retired from the United States Army, whereupon Moseley made several inflammatory speeches tending toward anti-Semitism and favoring a form of Government other than that which the United States has now. This gave rise to considerable excitement at council meetings and all persons concerned decided that it would be quite possible for them to consolidate their interests behind a man such as Moseley. [ ] was asked by True whether he knew anyone close to Moseley; whereupon [ ] admitted he knew a man by the name of Adams. This was not gone into any further by True at that time.

[ ] stated as a matter of background that on or about June, 1936, while he, [ ] was in the CCC he became acquainted with a Captain in the Infantry Reserve by the name of Robert Le Grand Adams, who commanded a CCC camp at Walton, Kentucky. Adams' junior officer at that time was Lt. William F. Falkup. Adams was later relieved of his post of duty at Camp Walton and because of his friendship with Moseley was transferred to the 4th Corps Area at Atlanta, Georgia, over which Moseley had jurisdiction. This transfer is alleged to have been accomplished through the good offices of General Moseley. Falkup took Adams' place at the Camp but later he was relieved because of his apparent negligence in the theft of \$300 at the Camp. He in turn was transferred presumably by virtue of the good offices of General Moseley to the 4th Corps Area at Atlanta, Georgia. [ ] stated that Falkup and Adams are Moseley's chief lieutenants in the vigilante movement of Moseley in the United States Army.

For the purpose of satisfying his own curiosity, [ ]

in November, 1938 went to Atlanta to see Walkup and Adams. Prior to this George Deatherage, James True and William Dudley Pelley at a council meeting had been claiming the support of Moseley. At Atlanta [redacted] met Adams at the Piltmore Hotel and explained that he wanted to talk to Adams about patriotic matters. Adams made no statement in which the vigilantes were mentioned but he said enough to [redacted] to indicate that Moseley actually had a vigilante movement in the United States Army. Adams said that Walkup is "one of our group" and that Moseley liked him. Adams also said that Moseley was the leading Christian speaker and leader in the United States today. At about this time [redacted] explained to Adams his position with reference to Pelley, True and others, stating that he would like to get into the Moseley movement. To this Adams replied:

"You're in it in a bigger way than we are."

[redacted] could get no satisfaction out of Adams and then went to see Walkup at a CCC Camp near Fort Moultrie, South Carolina. [redacted] told Walkup that he wanted to get in on the real thing; that he was tired of being merely on the propaganda end of such things and wanted to join Moseley's organization. To this Walkup replied that one had to be on active duty in the United States Army in order to belong to Moseley's group. He explained that Moseley is interested in leadership personnel, such as the older officers, and explained that, while it is Moseley's desire to obtain officers who are on active duty, he has in his group a large number of officers who are on reserve.

[redacted] stated that he has a photostatic copy of a letter of James True to Captain Beamish, referring to Moseley's leadership of a Christian army in the United States. [redacted] will make this letter available.

#### KNIGHTS OF WHITE CAMELIA

[redacted] explained that this organization is headed by George W. Deatherage, who bears the title of "SUPREMACY." The movement is confined almost exclusively to the State of West Virginia and to a small part of Southern Ohio. The symbol of membership is a Valtham watch sticker placed on windows of stores and automobiles. The other symbol is the White Camellia. There is no other head or assistant head. Deatherage is the entire organization. The headquarters is located at St. Albans, West Virginia, which is about eight miles from Charleston, West Virginia. Deatherage maintains his office in his own home. The object of his

organization is the forceable overthrow of the United States Government. He claims to have 10,000. He leans toward the Hitler type of dictatorship. He has strong-arm groups who place anti-Semitic placards on the streets in various towns of West Virginia. He claims to have correspondence with Fascist groups in Mexico (believed to be the Cadillo groups). Deatherage makes frequent trips to Mexico via California. He is bold enough to run advertisements in the Charleston papers for new members. [redacted] has seen Deatherage on about five occasions and has been present when Deatherage attended council meetings in Washington, D. C. with Silver Shirt representatives. Deatherage, according to [redacted] is a member of the inner circle of all Fascist groups in America. He has no visible means of support and does not work. He was formerly employed by the du Pont Company at the Union Carbon Carbide Company in the personnel department at Charleston, West Virginia. Prior to that time he was a chemist for the Union Carbon Carbide Company. Deatherage has been engaged in the movement for about two years but makes claims to the effect it was established in 1867.

According to [redacted] Deatherage explains that the Knights of White Camellia were originally the select group within the Ku Klux Klan. Deatherage maintains approximately six rifles and three revolvers in his home. He admitted to [redacted] that his members carry pistols and knives but that they prefer to use the knives. The members in Deatherage's organization receive no military training. Deatherage is a close personal friend of Henry Allen, who is Beamish's agent in the United States. Allen's connection on the West Coast is with Herman Schwinn of the German-American Fund. Deatherage maintains no printing establishment nor does he publish any literature to speak of. He does distribute the literature of James True and William Dudley Pelley. He has no regular publication. Any printing done for him is hired. He also distributes literature from Germany. He formerly published the "White Knight" but this publication is now suspended.

He also heads the organization known as the American Nationalist Confederation - a coalition of Anti-Communist organizations. Its letter-head carries its offices as being at Boston, New York, Washington, D. C., Chicago, Houston, Miami, Savannah, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

A woman on the West Coast by the name of Mrs. Nesta Webster, who lives on O'Farrell Street in San Francisco, appears to be engaged in this movement. Beamish visited the United States in 1938 and in March of that year he communicated with this woman on the West Coast. He introduced Henry Allen to Mrs. Webster. On this trip James True accompanied

Beamish. Through True Deatherage went to the West Coast where he met Beamish and Allen and at this time the American Nationalist Confederation was formed. Mrs. Webster is the author of the book entitled, "Secret Societies and Subversive Movements."

The purpose of the group which formed the American Nationalist Confederation, according to [redacted] was not to obtain new individual members, but to amalgamate various patriotic societies. [redacted] declared that this organization has had no great measure of success.

[redacted] explained that Deatherage believes in force and his favorite expression is - "I'm just the guy who can do it." Deatherage's source of revenue is unknown. He travels extensively throughout the United States and wears dark glasses continuously.

[redacted] explained that there is a Naval Ordnance Depot at Charleston, West Virginia; that in August, 1938 Pelley asked [redacted] what he knew of this Ordnance; that [redacted] explained such knowledge as he had and that about a month later Pelley told him he had been wrong; that there was a Marine Ordnance just across the road, the details of which [redacted] had not explained to Pelley. [redacted] asked Pelley how he knew this, to which Pelley replied that he has asked Deatherage to make a check. [redacted] understands that Deatherage did make a check but the character and extensiveness of the check are not known.

Deatherage and Pelley have close connections with certain persons at Western Reserve University at Cleveland, Ohio. There are three professors from whom they receive considerable support, namely -

W. Krautmann  
W. White  
W. Powers.

[redacted] explained that there is a strong student Fascist group on the campus at Western Reserve University and that it holds its meetings in the hall known as the Turnverein Vorwaerts on West 25th Street in Cleveland, which is also the headquarters of the German-American Fund in Cleveland.



LOUIS K. BIRINYI

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According to [redacted] Birinyi heads an organization which is without a name. Birinyi lives and maintains his office at his home at 11803 Buckeye Road, Cleveland, Ohio. Birinyi has been in patriotic work since about 1920. He is a Hungarian by birth but a naturalized American. He was educated in South Carolina. He is a lawyer and is admitted to the Bar in Ohio. His principal adherents allegedly work in airplane factories. [redacted] understands that some are working for the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation at Buffalo, though the number and identity of these are unknown. [redacted] explained that Birinyi obtains plans for airplanes. It was further explained that airplane parts are manufactured by the Thompson Products Company and other smaller plants in Cleveland and that Birinyi has been planted in these companies and is able to obtain plans and specifications.

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Birinyi told [redacted] that prior to the destruction of the Akron he, Birinyi, had obtained a drawing of the Akron showing the part that would break. This was told to [redacted] in December of 1938 in Washington, D. C. at McConnell's office. On the same occasion Birinyi told [redacted] that about two or three years ago the Great Lakes Aircraft Corporation supplied about twenty-seven diving bombers to the Navy; that some of these planes were to break up and of the ones that went to San Diego two did, in fact, break up. Birinyi stated to [redacted] that he had had the plans showing the parts that were left out of the construction of these planes which would thus inevitably cause the accidents.

[redacted] learned that Birinyi sends out his communications through code in want ads in foreign language newspapers; that if his parties cannot make response they send a letter to a small storekeeper on Buckeye Road at about 114th Street. The storekeeper then puts a notice in his window attracting the attention of Birinyi who then sends a young man named Lehofsky to the store to claim the letter. The ads published in code in foreign language newspapers are usually in the form of a notice of a man who desires to get married. The number of members adhering to the plan of Birinyi is not known. Birinyi has no visible means of support. No source of income is known but [redacted] speculated that he may derive his income through the sale of espionage secrets. It is known that both Felley and Zachary visit Birinyi.

Birinyi professes that his purpose is to restore Hungary to her former position of prestige. He is strongly anti-Semitic and he

is bent on establishing a Christian Government in the United States. Birinyi has voluminous files in his home. He is the author of two books which he sells to persons interested entitled ~~Why~~ the Treaty of Trianon is Void" and "The Tragedy of Hungary." The selling agent of the first book is David Buist, 37 Fountain Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The book is published by V.L.R. Simmons, 531 Cedar Street, Northeast, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Birinyi is not incorporated nor does he have any press or publications.

[redacted] had in his possession a letter written by Birinyi, dated October 30, 1938, directed to a party whose name had been clipped from the letter, in which Birinyi stated, in part:

"As you know I have to confine my activities to work directed from my office. It would not be healthy for me to show my face too frequently in public gatherings. Two attempts have already been made on my life.

My activities at the present time are confined strictly to help solve the European problems and defeat the common enemy there. It is my belief that we shall not be able to get near our goal here, until the common enemy in Europe is completely defeated. His defeat, however, now appears certain. It may take another year; but victory for us and defeat for him is virtually certain.

The next battlefield will be our own country. I am concerned about this above all else. There is no question in my mind but that the international Jews are preparing to make a 'Spain' out of our own country. If they should succeed in their plan, blood will flow here and terror will ensue, the like of which has never been witnessed on American soil.

In our every effort there must be an objective which we are to reach. As a military officer you know what I have in mind.

The day of reckoning for the American people is rapidly approaching. When the mopping up will be completed in Europe, the fun will start here. We shall face the question; shall we become a Christian country, or shall we become the subject slaves of international Jewry? To become Christian America

means prosperity, happiness and contentment. To become subject slaves of international Jewry will mean untold suffering, privation, starvation and death.

For us the day of preparation has arrived. Procrastination would be more than a mistake; it would be a national sin. Preparation, it seems, to me, should be carried on on two fronts; on one front information and warning should be disseminated, while on the other front practical preparation should be carried on with full vigor. As good old Ben Franklin would say, it is a darn sight better to hang together than to hang separately. And if this two front preparation will not be started in earnest and without delay, you can bet your shiny boots, that before very long many of us will be hanging separately.

I now propose that in addition to disseminating information and warning, able bodied and patriotic Americans be organized into semi-military units and trained in military tactics. The organizing and training should be done by trained military men. This is the first line of defense which we must have. Without this our efforts will be totally and entirely futile.

When you are here, we shall discuss the other phases of preparation and ultimate goal.

I might add that in each locality a local man should be the organizer and that local man should be trained in military tactics.

Your proposed visit to me, therefore, should be more of a consulting nature, than a hope that a large group of men will be turned over to you. So far as I know, and I do not know everything, we are hardly in a position to say that we now have a working organization. If we have it, I am not familiar with it."

[redacted] explained that Biriyi has men in the Philadelphia Navy Yard; that on Thanksgiving night, 1938, Lehofsky came to [redacted] apartment in Washington, D. C., accompanied by one Wasserman and explained that he was taking Wasserman to Philadelphia to work in the Government Navy Yard there.

It was further disclosed that Birinyi is a code expert and has a typewriter bearing the Hungarian type and characters. [redacted] has seen him work on his code. Birinyi ran for Congress about six years ago from what is believed to be the 21st District of Ohio. Birinyi attends all Bund meetings at the Turnverein and is most active in all Hungarian societies in Cleveland.

#### GERALD E. WINROD

He is the head of the organization called The Defenders and publishes the magazine called the "Defender." He also distributes James True's reports and copies of Palley's "Liberation." His influence is in Kansas. James True has an almost daily exchange of letters with Winrod. Winrod comes to Washington on occasions but he has never been observed to sit in on the council meetings at McConnell's office. Palley thinks that Winrod is the greatest fellow that ever lived, so long as Winrod stays in Kansas.

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[redacted] had no further information on Winrod.

#### JAMES TRUE

[redacted] explained that James True resides at the Lombardy Apartments, Apartment 411, corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Eye Street, Washington, D. C. James True is the publisher of Industrial Control Reports. He has no organization outside of his mailing list. This mailing list is maintained by his wife, from whom he obtains it every Friday to send out his weekly reports. She is said to hide the mailing list in a place unknown to him so that it cannot be subpoenaed. [redacted] confided that she maintains the list in her paint box. She is an artist. James True also maintains headquarters at 525 Mills Building, Washington, D. C. His program is pro-Fascist, pro-Hitler and anti-Semitic. He is extremely militant in his views. He originated the phrase "Kike-killer" which related to a specially made blackjack which he gave to Henry Allen. True commenced his reports in 1933. In his early years he was an itinerant newspaperman, originally from New Orleans. He has written for Printers Ink, Hearst and has done ghost writing and has written on industrial subjects. There is no one else associated with him. He has no military organization but he strongly believes in a military type of

organization, for which reason he clings to Pelley and Deatherage. He is most fond of Deatherage but dislikes Pelley personally. He advertises Pelley's periodicals in his reports and in turn Pelley advertises James True's Industrial Control Reports. [redacted] declared that True represents the Deutscher Fichte Bund of Hamburg, Germany in this country and distributes its propaganda and sells its books here. This is shown by a letter of the Fichte Bund dated October 21, 1938, on which the address has been torn out but which was sent to James True since [redacted] obtained this letter in True's office. The letter reads as follows:

"Your kind letter of October 3 is very much appreciated. I also thank you for the marked copy which you sent me with regard to the book 'Look to Germany.' I am also very pleased to inform you that I already got about 5 orders for it; it will be mailed to the persons as soon as possible. Thank you very much for placing the copies before the right readers. I was very glad indeed to learn that it has converted many antagonistic people.

With regard to the other publication which you mentioned (Germany), I regret to say, that I do not know anything about it. Perhaps you got a letter by now stating name and address of the sender. What is the name of the publisher or author? It may be a publication of the Terramare Office, Berlin.

Wishing you continued success, I beg to remain, Dear Sir,

Sincerely yours, Director of organization, Th. Kassemeier."

[redacted] also obtained from True's office a letter bearing the following letterhead:

"Consolidated Industries  
Manufacturers - Representatives.  
1910 Central Tower Bldg - 703 Market Street  
San Francisco, California.  
Cable Address "Calarmco."

The letter is dated October 19, 1938 and was presumably addressed to True since it was obtained in his office, but it may have been sent to another person. The addresses had been torn from the letter. The letter

was signed by R. L. Dineley and the pertinent portions are as follows:

"You will perhaps recall my visit to your office in the early part of last July, at which time we discussed several matters, among which was a plan that had been formulated for the organization of an armed, uniformed body, to be called the United States Police Reserve Association."

The purpose of this letter is to inquire concerning the obtaining of space in the building occupied by that of the unknown addressee.

On February 2, 1939, while eating at the Old Vienna on 15th Street near Eye Street, Northwest (This is the place where all the so-called Fascists gather to have lunch), [redacted] overheard True talking with a stranger. True claimed that he was receiving the Panama material. The stranger asked if he was getting all of it, to which True said he did not know but he thought Pelley was going to get some of it and it was going to be mailed to him, True, and Pelley in Washington, D. C. The conversation indicated that the material pertained to drawings of the Panama Canal and that the envelope would contain a directive as to whom it should be turned over and who would pay True. The conversation did not indicate just what was contained in these charts.

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INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA,  
INCORPORATED

[redacted] advised that fifteen or twenty years ago a man by the name of P. O. Collett supported and encouraged certain legislation which was passed through Congress, reimbursing the Indians of California for certain alleged wrongs. As a racket he then decided to form the Indians of California, Incorporated, presumably to secure money for services rendered. He charges about \$35 per year for membership. Because of his activities, his organization was investigated by the Indian Service. Collett later claimed that one John Collier, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, had wronged him in the investigation in testimony before the House Committee Investigating this matter and in a book, "Indians at Work," for which reason Collett brought a suit for \$200,000 damages.

[redacted] declared that about this time Pelley was devising

ways and means by which he could get his name before the public and he referred his problem to his attorney, McConnell, who was to give an opinion as to how such publicity could best be obtained. McConnell suggested that Pelley ought to sue someone, and suggested that Madam Perkins be proceeded against by impeachment on the Harry Bridges matter and that Secretary Ickes and Mr. Collier be sued on the grounds that they had defrauded the Government in hiring counsel and transporting witnesses in the investigation of Indians of California, Incorporated, and in the taking of depositions in the Collett case. Pelley claimed that Collier and Ickes were sued in the Collett case as individuals and not as Government officials. [redacted] has a copy of the pleadings of Pelley and will make the same available. The action of Pelley against Ickes and Collier is based on an alleged law that any citizen can bring this type of action and if the defendant is found guilty, the damages are doubled and the complaining citizen may receive one-half of the damages.

[redacted] has in his possession a letter of F. G. Collett, dated at Washington, D. C. June 3, 1938, on the stationery of the Indians of California, Incorporated, to William Dudley Pelley, 20 Sylvan Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina, which reads as follows:

"The allegations in your case against Messrs. Ickes and Collier can be proven, but such proof will be fought with the utmost resources at the hands of the defendants.

In view of the fact that much of the evidence already secured and much of the additional evidence in the process will be the direct result of my efforts, it would seem appropriate that there be an agreement between you and me, whereby you will assign to me a fair share of any amount that may be recovered by the action.

Under the circumstances you and your attorney are protected by the statute.

Sincerely,

F. G. Collett."

The further connection between Pelley and Collett is shown by a letter of Collett to Pelley, dated at Washington, D. C., June 6, 1938, which letter is in the possession of [redacted] and reads as follows:

"I am confident that if you see fit to send a sample copy of your magazine to the persons whose names and addresses were recently furnished you and to the persons whose names appear on the attached paper, that many of them will send you their subscriptions.

Your last issue will probably prove to be exceptionally interesting to these persons. A separate application blank, if you have one, might aid to focus attention to it.

If you mail a sample copy as suggested please advise me so that I may in my next letter urge that the subscription be sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

F. G. Collatt  
Executive Representative  
Indians of California, Inc.

Addressee:  
610 Shoreham Bldg.  
Washington, D. C."



**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Charlotte, North Carolina

February 17, 1939

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Director  
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Dear Sir:

Re: SILVER SHIRTS LEGION OF AMERICA, INC.  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. B. BROWN, Charlotte, North Carolina, dated February 13, 1939, submitted in connection with the above entitled case.

It will be noted from the details of this report that reference was made to contact by Special Agent J. D. SULLIVAN with confidential informants at [REDACTED] For your information these confidential informants are as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] All of the above individuals are connected with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] turned over to Agent SULLIVAN a list of names and addresses of persons known to have communicated with WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY or the PELLEY PUBLISHING COMPANY at Asheville, North Carolina, which list was forwarded the Bureau with copies of the above-mentioned report.

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Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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W. GOLDBERG MAY PROCEED WASHINGTON AT HIS PLEASURE. BUREAU WILL PROVIDE  
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United States Department of Justice**

Chicago, Illinois

March 2, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

RE: SILVER SHIRT ORGANIZATION

Reference is made to Bureau Personal and Confidential letter dated February 21, 1939, requesting that MR. MILES GOLDBERG, Secretary, Anti-Defamation League at Chicago, Illinois, be interviewed concerning certain documents in his possession bearing upon the above entitled matter.

Please be advised that on the morning of March 2, 1939, SPECIAL AGENT W. J. DEVEREUX, of this Division, interviewed MR. MILES GOLDBERG at the office of the Anti-Defamation League, 130 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois. MR. GOLDBERG exhibited to AGENT DEVEREUX a vast pile of photostats relating to the Silver Shirt Organization and to various persons connected with that organization, including PELLEY. MR. GOLDBERG stated that in order that the Bureau would have a proper understanding of the purport of each of the documents in his possession, it would be necessary that he explain each document in relation to other documents and elaborate upon the documents in the light of information that he had secured in times past concerning the subject matter and the individuals involved. He stated that the best use of the documents to the Bureau could be obtained by having him sit down with one of the Bureau officials in Washington and go over the mass of evidence that he has. He stated that he would be perfectly willing to proceed to Washington, D. C. for a conference with a Bureau official at any time that the Bureau might see fit to designate, and that he would spend as much time in explaining the documents he has as would be necessary. He stated likewise that he would turn over to the Bureau all the documents in his possession.

MR. GOLDBERG appeared to SPECIAL AGENT DEVEREUX to be an exceptionally sincere and intelligent individual, with a thorough knowledge of subversive activities in the United States, including

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RE: SILVER SHIRT ORGANIZATION

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not only the Silver Shirt Organization, but the German American Bund Organizations, and he informed AGENT DEVEREUX that he has informants in the Silver Shirt Organizations at Chicago who render him regular reports of the organizations' meetings and purposes in the city, and that he also has special investigators throughout the United States, who render reports to him concerning all subversive activities by any and all organizations, and he informed AGENT DEVEREUX that the Anti-Defamation League, which has been in existence for twenty-five years for the purpose of combating feeling against the Jewish race, has since 1931 been accumulating any and all information concerning individuals and organizations engaged in subversive activities.

The Bureau is respectfully requested to inform the Chicago Office by telegram as to a date when it is desired that MR. GOLDBERG appear at the Bureau headquarters in Washington to confer with a Bureau official concerning the information that he has in his possession. The only condition concerning MR. GOLDBERG'S appearance in Washington is that he desires approximately one day's notice so that he would be enabled to clear up pending business on his desk. He stated that he would be perfectly willing to leave Chicago on March 4, 1939, so as to have a conference in Washington on Sunday, March 5, 1939, or would be perfectly willing to have the conference upon any succeeding date.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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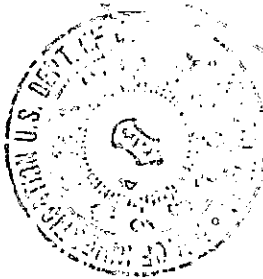
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**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

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Time --  
9:30 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM.

RE: LOUIS K. BIRINYI:

Informant

At this time [redacted] came to the Bureau and advised me that Lehofsky, who is an associate of Birinyi, as disclosed in my memorandum of February 17, 1939, came to Washington, D. C., Tuesday evening, February 28, 1939.

Lehofsky contacted [redacted] and told him that they, undoubtedly meaning Birinyi, have a woman, identity unknown, located in a beauty parlor at Fairfield, Ohio. [redacted] believes she is in the employ of Birinyi. Lehofsky said they are doing great things in Cleveland and he inferred that they could get any information in Cleveland they wanted concerning anything. Again the word "they" according to [redacted] means Birinyi and his organization.

On the occasion of Lehofsky's visit last Tuesday, he was on his way to the Navy Yard at Philadelphia. My memorandum of February 17, 1939, discloses that Lehofsky did take a man to the Navy Yard at Philadelphia last Thanksgiving by the name of Wasserman.

[redacted] doesn't know at this time what this woman is supposed to do at Fairfield, Ohio, but he pointed out that the Government has two airplane establishments in Ohio, one at Dayton and the other at Fairfield, and that she might be in a position to pick up some information of importance.

He intends to follow this matter and let us know anything which he learns.

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Respectfully,

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K. R. McIntire.

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February 21, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: FASCIST ORGANIZATIONS IN  
THE UNITED STATES

[REDACTED] Informant

Time - 8:15 A.M.

[REDACTED] returned this morning to advise me that Miles Goldberg, Secretary of the Anti-Defamation League of Chicago, had come to Washington, D. C. but had not brought the photostatic documents on the Silver Shirts with him. He said that Goldberg is a "shaky little fellow" and desires some authority for either bringing them or turning them over to the Chicago office. [REDACTED] suggested that I prepare a note or telephone Goldberg at the Hamilton Hotel today. I told him that such was not in keeping with the Bureau's practice, but that if it is satisfactory to Goldberg the Bureau would direct a letter to its Chicago office authorizing an agent to get in touch with Goldberg, who would then deliver the papers to the agent.

Time - 10:15 A.M.

[REDACTED] communicated with me telephonically stating he had talked with Goldberg who said it would be perfectly all right for an agent of the Chicago office to contact him, whereupon he would deliver the photostatic material to the agent to be transmitted to the Bureau's headquarters at Washington. Accordingly the attached letter is prepared for your approval.

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I inquired of [REDACTED] as to the sources of revenue of James True. He said that he understands that Colonel Lathrop Reed of New York makes contributions; that this is shown substantially in a letter of Reed to True, a photostatic copy of which is to be furnished the Bureau from Chicago.

[REDACTED] also stated that James True gets about \$100 monthly from the Japanese Embassy. [REDACTED] said he had True's own statement to that effect. [REDACTED] has also observed a weekly letter sent from [REDACTED]

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the Japanese Embassy to True and has seen True direct a letter to the Japanese Embassy almost as frequently as once weekly. True told [redacted] he had never solicited the Japanese Embassy for such funds but that they had come to him. [redacted] disclosed that True's printing is done by Kirby, a lithographer who has a shop above Trentano's book store.

[redacted] believes that Sohler Bryant of New York and Boston also contributes funds to True. He said that True is an agent of the Deutscher Fichte Bund of Hamburg, Germany, and that True also represents the Anti-Comintern which is located in some other town in Germany. True distributed two books for the Fichte Bund, namely - "The New Germany" and "Look to Germany." Both of these books are beautiful pictorials constituting propaganda material. [redacted] has one copy of each of these books in Chicago which will be furnished to the Bureau. True claimed to [redacted] that he sold 12,000 copies of these books, one costs \$1.49 while the other costs \$1.00. True purchases the books from the Fichte Bund, however, for 34¢ and transmits the 34¢ for each book back to Germany.

[redacted] said that in the August 1938 issue of True's Industrial Control Report he published an advertisement listing these books for sale. [redacted] also said that True gets numerous letters from Germany which come through in brown envelopes and that these envelopes are in a safe deposit box in Chicago but will be delivered to an agent by Miles Goldberg.

Respectfully,

K. M. McIntire

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REPORT MADE AT <b>ATLANTA, GA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/6/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/1/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. C. STRICKLAND</b>
TITLE <b>SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Review of Subversive Activities files, Atlanta Field Division, fail to disclose any information concerning Silver Shirt Legion of America.

RUC.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. B. BROWN, Charlotte, 2/13/39.

DETAILS: AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

A review of the Subversive Activities files of the Atlanta Office failed to disclose any information concerning the Silver Shirt Legion of America. The Atlanta Field Division has never received any complaint or information concerning the Silver Shirt Legion nor does the files reveal any information concerning any organization which may be an affiliate or associate of the Silver Shirt Legion of America.

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TITLE <b>SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Examination of the files of Salt Lake City office indicates only record concerning Subject organization was in case involving a violation of National Bankruptcy Act, in which Charlotte office was origin.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. B. BROWN, Charlotte, 2-13-39.

DETAILS: AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

The writer made an examination of all files in the Salt Lake City office dealing with subversive activities, Nazi activities and similar subjects, and determined that there is no information therein concerning the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated. The only record in the Salt Lake City files pertaining to this organization is that in the file titled, "WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, et al; GALAHAD PRESS, INC.; THE FOUNDATION FOR CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS, INC.; THE SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INC. NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT," Salt Lake City file 49-186. It is to be noted that the Charlotte Division is origin in this case and therefore that office and the Bureau have complete information concerning the investigation conducted by the Salt Lake City office in that matter.

For the information of the San Francisco office, which has requested copies of reports in this case, it is advised that the investigation conducted by the Salt Lake City office in the above-mentioned bankruptcy case.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay C. Derrman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>61 1757 50</b> <b>MAR 14 1939</b>	
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concerned the interview of a MRS. MARY OGDEN of Moab, Utah through her attorney, MR. JAMES L. WHITE of Salt Lake City, through whom it was determined that MRS. OGDEN on July 4, 1931 delivered to WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, President of the Galahad Press, Incorporated, fourteen \$1,000 bonds of the Deal Apartments, Deal, New Jersey, in consideration of eighty shares of Class B no-par common stock of the Galahad Press, Incorporated.

It appears that this investigation was only of significance with regard to the bankruptcy matter and was not productive of information concerning any activities of the Silver Shirt Legion of America in this district.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina

RE: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF  
AMERICA, INCORPORATED;  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. B. BROWN, dated February 13, 1939 at Charlotte, North Carolina, wherein an undeveloped lead is set forth for all offices to review their files on subversive activities, with particular reference to the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated, and to furnish the Bureau and the Charlotte Field Division with any information, particularly as to the organizational setup in their respective districts regarding the various posts, members and activities of this organization.

Please be advised that the files of the Washington Field Office contain a file entitled: WILLIAM W. PELLEY, et al, National Bankruptcy Act, Washington Field Office File #49-734, and it is noted from a review of this file, that copies of all reports and correspondence have been previously furnished the Charlotte Field Division and the Bureau.

In view of the above, this case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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Very truly yours,  
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GUY HOTTEL

Special Agent in Charge

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**United States Department of Justice**  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 7, 1939

Mr. Tolson.....
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

In reply to your telegram of March 4, 1939, I desire to advise that Mr. Miles Goldberg, Secretary of the Anti-Defamation League, informed the writer that he was planning on leaving Chicago Friday night, March 10, 1939, and would arrive in Washington on the morning of Saturday, March 11, 1939; that he would immediately communicate with the Bureau and would be available there for a conference on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, if necessary, in going over the material which he would bring with him to be turned over to the Bureau.

The writer assured Mr. Goldberg that the Bureau would be pleased to arrange for suitable interviews with him at the time of his arrival. He indicated he is acquainted with Mr. McIntyre of the Bureau and probably will communicate with him upon his arrival.

Very truly yours

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Mr. Tamm advises  
Mr. Ladd  
will interview  
him.*

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

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Time - 10:00 A.M.

March 9, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: SILVER SHIRTS INVESTIGATION

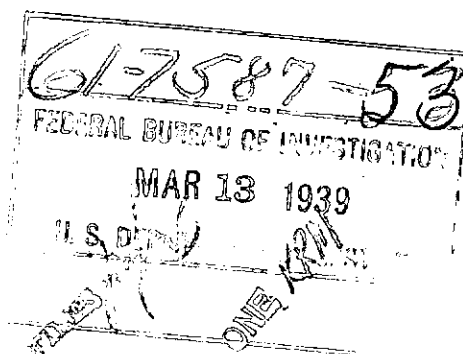
Mr. McIntire called from Charlotte and advised that SAC Scheidt was preparing to leave town; that he was going to make a speech about 100 miles from Charlotte. He said that he would be unable to talk with Mr. Scheidt except for about fifteen minutes and that he would be unable to accomplish anything in this short time. I asked Mr. McIntire if the Number One man there could not go over the matter with him and if he could not outline in memorandum form just what the Bureau wants done so that the entire day will not be lost. Mr. McIntire advised that he could ride with SAC Scheidt to Spartanburg where it is understood that he is to make a speech and that he could discuss the subject with him going there and on the return trip.

I told Mr. McIntire to do this if he thought this practical. He said that he would rather discuss the subject with SAC Scheidt and show him the Bureau's approach to the case. I advised him to find out what the Charlotte Office has been doing on this investigation and that, if necessary, stay over tomorrow on this matter.

  
E. A. Tamm

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Seattle, Washington  
March 3, 1939.

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the telephonic instructions of Mr. Tamm received by me here in Seattle this morning, I immediately called the San Francisco office and instructed Special Agent RICE to do nothing further in any way in connection with subversive activity investigations. I further instructed that he be placed on general assignment and that there be no activity of any kind by the San Francisco office with relation to subversive activities.

These Bureau instructions raise in my mind the problem as to just what we are going to do in the immediate future with regard to assistance that may be requested from us by Naval Intelligence and G-2. I am sure that you will realize that it is very difficult to carry out the Bureau's instructions relating to giving expeditious attention to requests for assistance from the armed forces in espionage, counterespionage and sabotage cases and yet not in any way carry on investigation in subversive fields because it is extremely difficult to draw a line of distinction. I wish to call particularly to the Bureau's attention the letter which was forwarded recently by me to the Bureau setting out the essential problems that were being faced by G-2 in which fields requests for assistance were going to be made of us.

If at all possible I should like to have the benefit of the Bureau's instruction as to what action we should take on requests for assistance from G-2 and the naval intelligence when it appears that the investigation, particularly in sabotage matters, will very likely go over the line into what might be interpreted as subversive investigation. It also raises the question in my mind as to whether the Bureau wants us to discontinue the investigation in the Silver Shirt matter which I interpret to be subversive.

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Pursuant to the Bureau's instructions, nothing will be done along any of these fields so that there can be no mistake made which would embarrass the Bureau in any way; however, it is possible that the Bureau may not have intended the complete discontinuance of all the various types of investigation which might ultimately lead to a possible inclusion of some subversive angles.

The early advice of the Bureau in this matter will be appreciated, particularly in view of the fact that the armed services in the San Francisco division are looking to us for cooperation and assistance and we wish to be in a position to intelligently handle their inquiries, keeping in mind we do not want to lose out to other possible interested agencies.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIERCE  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc San Francisco (air mail)

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Mr. H. J. L. Pioger  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
One Eleven Butter Building, Room 1729  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

With reference to your personal and confidential letter of March 3, 1939, concerning the handling of subversive activity investigations, you are advised that you should confine investigations of this type conducted in your district specifically and entirely to those requested of you by representatives of the Military or Naval Intelligence Services. No general investigations should be conducted except those outlined above.

In view of the situation which was outlined to you generally by telephone by Mr. Tamm while you were at Seattle, Washington, it is desired that a Special Agent other than Agent Rice be designated to serve as liaison man between the Bureau and the Military authorities.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. E. J. L. Pieper  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
One Eleven Sutter Building, Room 1729  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter written at Seattle, Washington, on March 3, 1939. In that letter you inquire as to whether you should discontinue the investigation of the Silver Shirt organization. You are advised to continue that investigation.

You are undoubtedly aware that Charlotte is considered the office of origin, and you are instructed to carry out any investigation suggested by the Charlotte Office. It is desired that you make such other investigation as would be calculated to present a clear and concise picture of the Silver Shirt activities in the district covered by your office, with particular reference to the connection between the Silver Shirt organization and the German-American Bund.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc-Charlotte (PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL)

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New Orleans, Louisiana  
March 9, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Re: SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED;  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. E. BROWN, Charlotte, North Carolina, dated February 13, 1939. Please be advised that there are no files in the New Orleans Field Division pertaining to the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated.

No investigation relative to this organization will be conducted unless specifically requested by the office of origin or the Bureau. Therefore, this case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

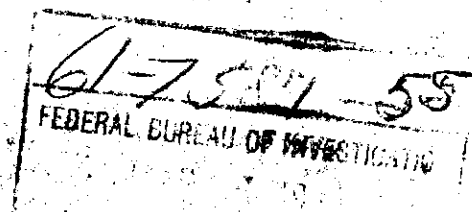
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CWD  
PMH

B. E. SACKETT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**

FILE NO. **65-27**

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-10-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-21 &amp; 3-6-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>VICTOR P. KEAY</b>	<b>VPK:djh</b>
TITLE <b>SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated apparently unknown St. Louis, Missouri, insofar as local activity is concerned.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. B. BROWN, Charlotte, North Carolina, dated 2-13-39.

**DETAILS:**

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Charlotte, N. C.

DR. SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED.  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to Charlotte Field Division letter dated Jan. 27, 1939, in connection with the above captioned matter. I desire to advise you that [redacted] referred to in your letter, called at this office on March 8, 1939, and indicated that he had recently called at the Charlotte office and offered to furnish valuable information. The writer was fully aware of his previous visit to the Charlotte office and the conditions under which his meeting with the agents in that Field Division was brought about as reflected in the above mentioned letter, however he was not advised of this fact. He was asked what the purpose of his call had been and went into a limited discussion of the nature of his dealings with the Charlotte office.

He stated at the outset that he was dissatisfied with the manner in which the Charlotte Field Division had handled his report to assist them. He indicated that he had been thoroughly questioned, but there seemed to be some doubt as to his reliability and the reason for his interesting himself in helping the Government. It is the writer's candid opinion that he is a "phoney" and that dealings with him might result in subsequent difficulties. He is very definitely of the confidence type and gives the impression that his patriotic leanings are motivating his interest in assisting the Government. His criticism of the Charlotte Field Division was that they had not immediately given him full rein and assigned for an indefinite arrangement an agent to carry on the investigation regarding the information which he claims to be in the position to furnish.

The writer, due to the illness of Mr. ROBERT MERRY, Agent in Charge, U. S. Secret Service, in this district, a law enforcement officer of long standing and a reliable person, was telephonically communicated with to determine whether he recalled [redacted]. He indicated that he did, that [redacted] as a matter of fact, had given him some information some years ago, subsequent to the time the Secret Service was charged with the responsibility of investigating Gold Hoarding Cases, and that it was possible for him to effect a recovery, the details of which he did not at the time recall, however he recalled his name and added without any hesitancy that he was a known gambler and that he would not place any

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reliance upon his assertions. He did not think under the circumstances he would be dependable as an informant, of course not being advised as to the purpose for [redacted] call and from the conversation with Mr. PERRY, it was quite evident that he would not endorse him. Unless there exists some special reason for the Charlotte office entering into an arrangement with this individual, it is felt that considerable caution should be had in future dealings with him.

The writer is personally of the impression that he is the type of individual that may have some information, but at the same time equally capable of developing a case of entrapment since he is so quick to make mention of the fact that he is not the least bit interested in remuneration and expects recompense only in the event something is developed as a result of information developed by him. As a matter of interest to the Bureau and the Charlotte office, I desire to advise you that he has, since his initial call, called at this office to inquire whether we were interested in an individual who might be changing motor numbers, as a result of which he plans to return to this office to furnish information in this respect. It would appear therefore that he is intent upon becoming an informant of the Bureau for some reason. He will, of course, be courteously treated and any information which he voluntarily turns over to this office investigated if it appears practical. However, he was advised that since he had already furnished information regarding the above captioned matter to the Charlotte office, it will be <sup>unn</sup>ecessary for him to outline his plans in detail for the benefit of the writer and that any further dealings with regard to such an investigation which he had outlined to the Charlotte office could necessarily originate there.

He claimed to have no definite itinerary, but indicated mail addressed to him at [redacted] Birmingham, Ala., would be forwarded to him in the event it became necessary to reach him at a later date. I inclined to believe, however, that he will call at this office, as stated above, in connection with his most recently acquired information. The Charlotte office and the Bureau will of course be notified promptly in the event any of the information furnished by him appears to be of any value.

No further investigation with regard to this matter is contemplated by this office at the present time. A check of the indexes will disclose any information regarding the activities of the above individual of value to the Bureau and the Charlotte office.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Soucy,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Office of Origin:--CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Report made at: CHARLOTTE, N.C.	Date made: 3/14/39	Period: 2/4, 7-27/39	Report made by: LANSING L. MITCHELL	FRS
Title:-- SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED.			72454 SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.	

## SYNOPSIS:

WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY recently purchased the Biltmore-Oteen Bank Building at ASHEVILLE (BILTMORE) N.C. for a reputed sum of \$20,000; to be used as Headquarters of the Pelley Publications and the SILVERSHIRTS. Informant thinks Pelley more interested in his publishing establishment and his esoteric teachings than in the SILVER-SHIRT movement. Mrs. Pelley has not been in Asheville with Pelley since May, 1938. Pelley reported to be having an affair with his secretary, MARION HENDERSON, with whom he has traveled to Washington, DC, and to Texas. KENNETH ALEXANDER, writer of letter to PABLO DELGADO, an itinerant Mexican preacher, was found to be an Englishman and a former script writer for Hollywood movie studios. Informant advised that Pelley had no Silvershirt recreation or training camps, due to lack of funds; that, in fact, the Silvershirt organization is not very extensive. Intensive investigation being continuously conducted at Asheville, NC, and vicinity.

## REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. B. Brown, Charlotte, North Carolina, 2/13/39.

## DETAILS:

It should be noted that from an examination of certain literature put out by the Pelley Publishing Company, Pelley refers to himself as Chief of the Silvershirts, using the words SILVER SHIRTS, as one word; however, the title is not being changed for the reason that this organization was incorporated

Approved: *John J. Scheidt* Special Agent in Charge.

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under the name as set out in the title of this report. It appears that either the use of a single word or two words may be correct.

MAJOR R. M. FITZPATRICK, U.S. Army, Post Office Building, Asheville, North Carolina, advised Agent that he had recently conducted a military survey of conditions around Asheville, including subversive organizations and their activities, for the Commanding General of the 4th Corps Area (Atlanta, Georgia). He stated that he had submitted a confidential report on same, but allowed agent to examine this report. It was noted that most of the information contained therein was of a strictly military nature and while the Silverhirts were touched on briefly, there was no information concerning this organization of value to this investigation.

MAJOR FITZPATRICK introduced Agent to V. R. COOKE, Paymaster for the Enka Corporation, Enka, North Carolina. Cooke is a Captain in the Officer's Reserve Corps, and wholly reliable, according to Major Fitzpatrick.

COOKE stated that he knew of the existence of the Pelley organization, but that his company was primarily interested in keeping informed about labor organizations and movements, consequently, they were not so much concerned about Pelley's Silver Shirts as they were about Communists, as the latter are the primary instigators of labor troubles. Cooke stated that he had heard that there was an organization correlative to the Silver Shirts, which was known as the "RANGERS", due to the uniform which they wore, which is similar to that worn by Forest Rangers of the National Park Service. He stated that Rangers and Silver Shirts might be one and the same, as far as he knew. Cooke also said that he had heard it rumored that Pelley had obtained money from the New York City Agent of a German Steamship Line; this money having been obtained about the time of, or immediately subsequent to, Pelley's trial in Asheville. Cooke informed that FRANK L. CONDER, Chief Investigator for the Enka Corporation, was presently on vacation, but would return about February 14, 1939. Cooke stated that Conder was in possession of a great deal of information regarding all movements and organizations in the vicinity of Asheville, and also several Southern States (as Conder has to keep in touch with the labor situation throughout the territory where the Enka Corporation has mills). He stated that agent would be able to get more 'out of Conder' than could he or some other representative of the Enka Corporation, as Conder merely reported to the corporation officials only that information which directly concerned the corporation. Cooke stated that Conder was an elderly person, who 'could be reached'

by inflating his ego--as Conder thought 'he knew it all', and consequently, if flattered, would probably give valuable information.

Agent proceeded to Enka, North Carolina, where MR. COOKE contacted MR. B. B. SAMS, an assistant to CONDER. Cooke stated that Sams was reliable, and would probably also be well informed on matters pertinent to this investigation.

SAMS stated that he had attended Pelley's trial in Asheville, having followed the trial very closely in order to learn as much as possible about Pelley's activities. He stated that he would review his files to ascertain what information they contained regarding Pelley, and furnish same to Agent at a later date. SAMS recalled that BOB SUMMERVILLE had worked for Pelley; that Summerville had 'split-up' with Pelley; and that Summerville had become connected with the West Asheville, North Carolina, daily newspaper. Sams stated that he thought Summerville was still connected with the West Asheville newspaper, as he recalled seeing Summerville only a few months ago. (This was later found to be erroneous). Sams stated that he knew several people who were followers of Pelley; that these persons were of the type who always wanted something for nothing; and consequently, became followers of Pelley in the hope of gaining something. He stated that he would immediately conduct discreet inquiries among these acquaintances, in an effort to ascertain everything possible concerning Pelley and his organization and activities. Sams stated that Pelley had donated a large number of his, Pelley's, books and writings to some library in Asheville, North Carolina. Sams did not know whether these books had been given to the Asheville Public Library or to some Private Library--Pelley possibly might have established a private library for his followers. (Sams indicated a desire to cooperate in this investigation, and due to his knowledge and contacts, may possibly render very valuable assistance--he can be contacted by calling telephone #6600 (The Enka Corporation) and asking for him directly, or by asking for his home extension "#4"). Sams stated that he did not believe the Silver Shirts had many members in the vicinity of Asheville, and that they had no camps or organized units, as far as he knew. He stated that he had a vague recollection of having heard that Pelley was operating some sort of organization which is located in Indiana, possibly in Indianapolis; that this organization is in some way connected with some labor movement in that city. He stated that each summer, some woman from New York comes to Asheville, and starts a school for workers in the local factories; that this school is supposed to be an effort to "raise the standard of living of the working classes of the South". Sams

stated that "the school never amounts to much", and that it is his opinion that it is merely the work of some social organization or society; he stated that there might be some connection between this 'school' and the Pelley organization.

J. H. ~~JONES~~, Manager of the Railway Express Agency, stated that no shipments had been made (date of interview, 2/8/39) since Thursday, February 2, 1939, on which date agent had contacted Jones. He stated that on that date, he had questioned his truck driver about shipments, and the truck driver had stated that the Pelley organization had made a shipment on that date. Jones did not get the assignee of this shipment. He stated that no record was kept in the Asheville office of shipments made, as the duplicate express bills were forwarded, daily, to the District Accountant of the Railway Express Company, whose office is located in Washington, D. C. Jones stated that the duplicate bills or tickets were kept by the District Accountant for a period of six (6) years, and that Pelley's shipments could be traced over the period of the last six years, if desired. Jones was again requested to keep an accurate check on all outgoing shipments, which he promised to do (Jones seemed to be a man of the "wishy-washy" type, who is rather uncertain of himself—however, he seems to be honest and trustworthy).

MRS. M. D. ~~STEVENSON~~, 232 Chestnut Street, was again contacted in regards to any further information which she had developed regarding the persons who had stayed at her home, or who were presently residing with her. Mrs. Stevenson had various suspicions, but could give no definite reasons for any of her suspicions. She stated that H. W. ~~KINDLER~~, a German plumber, was a resident of Asheville, and that she had "questioned Kindler regarding his brother, who was in New York City, and that Kindler had become very evasive, saying that he had not seen his brother in five or six years". Mrs. Stevenson went on to state that Kindler's brother had actually been in Asheville only a year ago, according to the information she had received, and consequently she suspected "that something funny was going on". Mrs. Stevenson was further perturbed about THOMAS ~~MOTLEY~~, who was a guest in her home at the time of agent's visit. She stated that Motley was recovering from an accident in which his wife had been killed; that Motley was a member of a rather prominent New York family, his father having been a Wall Street broker; that Motley's family was rather eccentric, as evidenced by the fact that his half-brother was one of three men who furnished \$100,000 to establish the Lafayette Escadrille before America's entry into the World War; that Motley presently stayed drunk practically all of the time,

and that his family seemed to be thoroughly disgusted with him. She stated that Motley was a member of the American Legion, and that he was trying to get a job through the Asheville Post of the American Legion. She accompanied agent to Motley's room and exhibited Motley's effects. Among Motley's effects were noted the following addresses:

M. F. MORROW,  
North Philadelphia Trust Company,  
S. E. Corner Broad Street & Germantown Ave.,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
(Motley had evidently received several letters  
from this person).

WILLIAM W. LESSELBAUM,  
29 Broadway,  
New York City.

LEO BRADY, Attorney,  
120 Wall Street,  
New York City.  
(Brady is evidently Motley's family attorney).

DR. HAROLD W. LATHROP,  
151 Central Park, West,  
New York City.  
(Dr. Lathrop is Motley's physician).

MISS MARION L. HALEY,  
424 E. 52nd Street,  
New York City.  
(Mrs. Stevenson stated that Miss Haley was  
Motley's half-sister, and that she furnished  
him with money).

MRS. STEVENSON stated that she had no reason to believe Motley was connected with the Silver Shirts, as she had indicated in a previous interview. (It will be noted that she stated that Motley has two citations from the Italian Government, for his services in the World War.)

DR. IRA WAGNER, Manager of the Oteen Veteran's Facility, stated that he had caused one of his most trusted employees, who worked with KENNETH BLAINE ALEXANDER daily, to make discreet inquiries of Alexander regarding his connection with, or knowledge of, the Silver Shirt Organization. The employee reported to Dr. Wagner



that Alexander had denied any knowledge regarding the Silver Shirts. Dr. Wagner stated that he would continue trying to gain information regarding Alexander's activities, but that it would probably take a long time.

C. A. PENNINGTON, Postmaster, Oteen, North Carolina, stated that he had no knowledge regarding the Silver Shirt organization; that none of the Pelley Publications were sent through the Oteen post office. Mr. Pennington, a member of the American Legion, stated that he would make discreet inquiries among his associates regarding any information they might have of the Silver Shirts. At a later date, Pennington stated that he had made such inquiries, but that he was unable to obtain any information of value.

B. B. SAMS, accompanied by Captain WOODFORD GLENN of the Enka Police Department, was interviewed by reporting agent and Agent J. B. Brown. Mr. Sams stated that a large meeting had been held at the office of Pelley's Publishing Company, 643-645 Haywood Road, West Asheville, on Wednesday, February 8, 1939. Sams stated that between fifty and seventy-five people attended this meeting, which was held about the middle of the afternoon. Sams stated that he took the numbers of two cars in which people came to the meeting; later he checked on the registration of these cars, and found that one belonged to Mrs. W. B. HINTON, 203 Virginia Avenue, West Asheville; the other to JOHN AARHUS, 201 Virginia Avenue, West Asheville. Sams presumed that this was the man and woman whom he had seen go into the meeting. Sams stated that he had information that there were about seventy-five members of the Silver Shirts or Pelley's organization, in the vicinity of Asheville and West Asheville. Many of Pelley's followers live on Virginia Avenue in West Asheville--among them, Fred BOURNE, a fireman; another, CARLISLE MILLER. He stated that Miller was the local ticket agent for the Southern Railroad, and that Miller recently distributed about twenty of Pelley's latest booklets to other railroad men. This latest booklet is entitled "The Impeachment of Frances Perkins", which was dated January 24, 1939. Sams furnished Agent with a copy of the aforementioned booklet. Sams stated that Miller was a sort of religious fanatic, and was very Anti-Semitic; that Pelley seemed to have a large following among the employees of the Southern Railroad.

SAMS also stated that CAPTAIN COOKE (Paymaster of the Enka Company) had learned that there was a Silver Shirt Club, or at least "a bunch of Pelley's followers", in Hendersonville, North Carolina; that this club was made up of about twenty members; that the son of one of the members was an employee of the Enka Corporation; and that he, Sams, would endeavor to get more information regarding this employee.

BURGEN PENNELL, Attorney and State Commander of the American Legion, with offices in the Legal Building, stated that he had made various inquiries since being contacted by Agent Carlson, but had been unable to obtain any information of value regarding Pelley and the Silver Shirts. Mr. Pennell stated that no one seemed "to pay much attention" to Pelley, and that very little activity was carried on by Pelley and his followers in the vicinity of Asheville; consequently, very little was known about the Silver Shirt organization. Mr. Pennell stated that he would arrange for agent to interview JIM WHITESIDE, who is the president of the local chapter of the Junior Order (a lodge and patriotic organization). At a later date, Whiteside was interviewed at Mr. Pennell's office, and gave the following information:

WHITESIDE is a carpenter. About two years ago, he was employed by Monty HARDWICKE to do some construction work at Hardwicke's home which is located on the Haw Creek Road east of Asheville. Hardwicke employed Whiteside for quite some time, and the two of them became very intimate. Whiteside stated that Hardwicke would often call him into the house and would then talk for hours, discussing religion and politics, but mainly discussing the international situation. Hardwicke gave Whiteside the impression that he was pro-Communist, as Hardwicke often spoke of the good points of the communistic government. Hardwicke also discussed the Nazi and Fascist forms of government, and seemed to like these forms better than the government of the United States, but seemed to lean more to the Communistic form. Hardwicke's young wife was also very intelligent; probably more so than Hardwicke himself. Often, a woman, aged about thirty-five, would come to visit the Hardwicks and would stay anywhere from two or three days to a week and a half. Hardwicke introduced this woman to Whiteside as his aunt. The woman would go to an upstairs room and immediately start writing on a typewriter; she would hardly leave the room until she left Hardwicke's home. Whiteside had occasion to enter this room while she was working, and saw that she was busily engaged typing and preparing what he considered was either speeches or articles for some paper. Hardwicke also was visited by Pelley, and various other persons. One man in particular would come to Hardwicke's home. This person was the "organizer" for the organization, and would usually come late in the afternoon, and then leave very early the next morning. Hardwicke and this person would sometimes talk all night. It was for this person that Whiteside built a small two room cabin in the rear of Hardwicke's home. Practically all the persons who frequented Hardwicke's home would arrive at night; and lengthy discussions and meetings would then ensue.

Whiteside stated that often Hardwicke would be broke, and would not pay him for two or three weeks; that Hardwicke and his wife would drive to New York, and upon their return Hardwicke would have plenty of money; often, he would give Whiteside fifteen or twenty dollars extra for having had to wait so long for his, Whiteside's, pay. Whiteside also stated that Hardwicke had several rifles, which, Hardwicke stated, he was retaining as "relics". However, Whiteside stated that these guns were all very modern. Whiteside stated that about two months ago, he had met Hardwicke's father, and that Dr. Hardwicke stated that Monty Hardwicke was presently in South America where he was connected with the Government Forestry Service (Whiteside stated that this seemed quite fantastic to him). Whiteside stated that he would make discreet inquiries regarding the Silver Shirts in this vicinity, and would report the results of same to agent at a later date; he can be contacted at his home, 145 White Foam Drive, phone 215-W. Whiteside further stated that he had recently read a camp, located on Lake Eden (northeast of Asheville) had recently been purchased by some organization. However, he did not know the name of the organization, or whether it was connected with Pelley's organization. It was Whiteside's opinion that the camp was to be used as a nudist camp.

In the February 8th edition of the Asheville Citizen, agent noticed the following article: "GERMAN DELIVERS TALK TO CLEAN LIFE CLUB--George Wartenberg, a German, spoke to members of the Clean Life Club at the Y.M.C.A. here last night. He described conditions in that country and told of the purge of Jews. Approximately 160 boys attended the meeting." This person might possibly be connected with Pelley.

B. B. SAMS informed that further investigation had revealed that one of the employees of Pelley's publishing house was named Marvin Smathers; that Smathers was an apprentice printer. He further stated that FRED L. BOURNE, who lives at 15 Virginia Avenue, West Asheville, was a friend of his (Sams') and that he thought Bourne was a member of the Pelley organization; that Bourne was a close friend of Carlisle Miller. Sams later informed that he had gone hunting with Bourne, and had talked with Bourne for two hours regarding Bourne's knowledge of Pelley's and other organizations. Bourne informed Sams that he was interested in "labor", and not any other organization; Bourne stated that the last time he had heard of Pelley, the latter was printing in his (Pelley's) home on Sylvan Avenue; that he "believed Pelley had now discontinued publishing any books or magazines". Bourne further informed that Carlisle Miller was not a member of the Pelley organization, but

merely read all their literature, and was a religious fanatic, especially on the subject of Jews. He stated that Miller had many Jewish friends, whom he, Miller, repeatedly contacted--telling them to use their influence to "straighten out the Kikes, who were leading the Jewish people to destruction". Sams stated that an employee of the Enka Corporation lived in the apartment above Pelley's printing plant at 643-645 Haywood Road, and that he would endeavor to find out this employee's identity as soon as he had time to watch Pelley's publishing house (explaining that he could see the man leaving the house going to work, as the Enka Corporation has three shifts), and that he would then endeavor to use the employee as a source of information.

WAVERLY F. KILPATRICK, father-in-law of R. P. (Bob) WILLIAMS, was again contacted, and furnished the following information:

The Pelley Publications have the following officers: W. D. PELLEY, Editor; MRS. W. D. PELLEY, Publisher; HOWELL CUMMINGS, Staff Artist; and ROY ZACHARY, Field Representative and Organizer. Zachary's home is located at Sylva, North Carolina, and he travels constantly, organizing for the Silvershirts. Kilpatrick stated that the Pelley Publications maintains a bank account at the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company (Asheville branch) and that the account had less than \$250.00 in it on Saturday, February 4, 1939. He stated that there were no recreation camps in this area; that there were no camps south of Washington, D. C. Kilpatrick evidently received this information from BOB WILLIAMS, his step-son, as he informed that the Gallahad Press, in 1932, had headquarters in Washington, D. C.; that the League of Liberation had headquarters in Washington, D. C., at 1019 Fifteenth Street, N.W.; that the Silver Legion of America was an offspring of the League of Liberation and had headquarters at the Woman's Clubhouse, Charlotte Street, Asheville; that Galahad College became extinct about 1933. Kilpatrick stated that two former employees of the Biltmore Press were presently employed by Pelley in the Skyland Press (the name under which Pelley now operates his printing business). Kilpatrick stated that one of the former employees of the Biltmore Press "could be gotten to"--that, for a consideration, this employee would get the mailing list of the Pelley organizations. Kilpatrick stated that all the mailing and printing was done at the headquarters on Haywood Road, West Asheville; that a Swede was in charge of the printing of the literature. Kilpatrick stated that unless the mailing list was kept in the personal possession of "the Swede", the aforementioned employee would be able to get the mailing list.

MISS MAY JONES, 377 Montford Avenue, who is the official reporter for the U. S. District Court, was interviewed in reference to a communication which she forwarded to U. S. Attorney Erwin. This communication had reference to Dr. Henry J. Mahler and Dr. H. A. Heinzerling, Chiropractors, with offices in the Haywood Building, Asheville. Miss Jones stated that all she knew about the matter was contained in her original memorandum, and that the information had been given to her, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. LISS. J. E. LISS is a (Jewish) ladies tailor, having a shop in the basement of the George Vanderbilt Hotel. Miss Jones added that she assisted in taking the testimony in regard to Pelley's activities, for one of the Congressional Committees that had investigated Pelley (probably the Dickstein Committee). She stated that a copy of the testimony might shed additional light on Pelley's activities, but that she did not know if a copy of the testimony had been retained at Asheville.

J. E. LISS, whose shop is located in the George Vanderbilt Hotel, stated that DR. KAPLAN, a Jewish Dentist in Asheville, had given him and his wife copies of Pelley's literature; that Dr. Kaplan was a member of the American Legion and opposed to Pelley's organization and teachings. Mr. Liss stated that Dr. Henry J. Mahler lived immediately in the rear of his house, and that Mrs. Liss had noticed "some funny goings on" in the Mahler household; that Mrs. Liss is of very nervous temperament, and had become greatly frightened, fearing that Mahler might harm them since they are Jewish. Mr. Liss arranged for agent to interview Mrs. Liss, stating she knew more about the matter than he did.

MRS. J. E. LISS, 90 Annandale Street, stated that she knew nothing about DR. HEINZERLING, except that he and Dr. MAHLER evidently occupied the same professional offices. She stated that Dr. Mahler's home was in Wilmington, North Carolina, and that he came from a very nice family. Mahler once told her that his father originally came from Germany, and that his mother visited Germany several years ago and found Germany to be "in excellent shape". In the early part of 1938, Mahler and his wife left home for about a week, and when they returned, Mahler was limping. Mahler told Mrs. Liss that he had been sunburned. Mrs. Liss stated that she believed Mahler had attended a meeting of the German-American Bund, held in New York, and had been injured in a fight. Mrs. Liss stated that she "knew that she was being followed every time that she left her house, and was very much afraid that someone wanted to hurt her in some way". She stated that no meetings were held at the Mahler home, but that on different occasions the house was darkened and people moved around in the house by using flashlights. She stated that she had never seen any literature being distributed from the house; but

that at different times the Mahlers seemed to do a lot of typing. Mrs. Liss was very suspicious of some five gallon cans that the Citizens Transfer Company delivered to Mahler in September, 1938—however, she never learned what the cans contained. Recently, the Mahler's have stayed at home most of the time, as a baby has been born to them. Mahler seldom leaves the house to go to his office, and if he does leave, only stays away an hour or two. Mrs. Liss stated that she did not know of any connection that Mahler had with the Silver-shirts, but that she suspected he might be a Silver-shirt, since he was a German. She stated that she and Mr. Liss had given assistance to a MR. WEATHERS, a member of the American Legion, who is in destitute circumstances. She stated that Weathers had attended at least one of the meetings of the Silver-shirts, and had discussed Pelley's teachings with her husband; "that her husband wielded a great deal of influence over Weathers, and had set his mind at ease". She stated that she would discreetly contact Weathers as to any information which he had concerning the Silver Shirts; that she would report the same to agent.

JOHN THAYER, Manager of Radio Station WWNC, was interviewed in regard to Dr. Mahler and Dr. Heinzerling. Mr. Thayer is a former Deputy Sheriff, and former manager of the Asheville Merchants Association (Credit Bureau); he was recommended by Deputy Sheriff FRANK MESSER as a good, reliable source of information. THAYER stated that he knew nothing of Dr. Mahler. He stated that Dr. Heinzerling was a well respected man in the community, and bore a good reputation. He stated that Dr. Heinzerling is somewhat eccentric, as Heinzerling thinks that his (Heinzerling's) treatment for stomach ailments is a positive cure (Heinzerling uses goat's milk as a medicine); that Heinzerling lives on the Haw Creek Road and raises goats. Thayer did not know of Heinzerling's connection with any organization, stating that, as far as he could ascertain, Heinzerling was "OK".

THAYER stated that he knew very little regarding Pelley and the Silver Shirt organization, as the movement is more or less ignored in Asheville. However, on one occasion, he had arranged for CHARLES MILTON NEWCOMB to be the principal speaker before a banquet of the Merchant's Association, and several Jewish merchants refused to attend the banquet—they stating that Newcomb was friendly to Pelley and was Anti-Semitic. Thayer stated that he 'kidded' Newcomb about the matter, and that Newcomb had stated that he (Newcomb) was merely a good friend of Pelley and some of the latter's followers. Newcomb stated that he was not a member of the organization. Thayer stated that Newcomb is a speaker of national prominence, and is a very fine man. However, Thayer did not know whether or not

Newcomb could be relied on to give confidential information regarding Pelley and the Silver-shirts; that Newcomb might mention the fact to Pelley or some of the latter's followers; however, Thayer stated that he believed Newcomb, if "inclined to talk", could give valuable information. Newcomb lives at the base of Pisgah Mountain.

THAYER informed that ROY SWARTZBURG, a Jewish merchant, had recently "failed" in business in Asheville; that Swartzburg had given him the impression that he, Swartzburg, knew a great deal about the Silver Shirts and Pelley. Thayer stated that he believed Swartzburg would be a valuable source of information. Swartzburg is now in New York City, and is connected with the B'Nai BRITH Membership Campaign Headquarters; he lives at the Hotel Victoria. Subsequently, ALVIN KACTUS, Attorney, Flatiron Building, advised that he was certain that Swartzburg could furnish no information of value for the reason that Swartzburg knew nothing about the Silver-shirts except what he had obtained from him, Kactus.

JOE DAVE, owner of the Dave Steel Company, stated that he had two employees, JOHN L. HUNTSMAN and L. J. POOLE, who live on Sylvan Avenue, near W. D. PELLEY. Dave stated that he had very little knowledge of the Silver Shirts; that he ignored "Pelley's scurrilous writings". Dave stated that Huntsman was his most trusted employee and could be trusted implicitly; Dave knew little of Poole's background, and stated that at a meeting of a local business men's club, he had been told by MR. G. BYRD, Manager of Efird's Department Store, that Pelley's literature was being given out to employees of the store, evidently by one of the employees.

JOHN W. SPICER, Cashier of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, stated that the Pelley organization carried an account at the bank under the name of "The Skyland Press; W. D. Pelley, President; A. H. Talpey, Treasurer". Spicer checked the account, and found that the usual daily balance over a long of period of time averaged about three hundred and fifty dollars. However, at the time Spicer checked the account (2/17/39) there was a balance of Seventeen hundred and sixty-six dollars; this being due to the fact that on February 7, 1939, a check for two thousand dollars had been deposited to the account. Mr. Spicer stated that the bank used the Recordak System, which means that every check which comes into the bank, either as a deposit or a payment, is photographed on both sides; that all checks drawn on, or deposited to, the account of the Skyland Press could be perused merely by running off the film. Mr. Spicer, through medium of the film, exhibited the check for \$2,000.00 which had been deposited to the account on February 7, 1939. This check was payable

W. D. PELLEY, and had been deposited to the account of the Skyland Press; it was drawn by George B. FISHER on the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, Chrysler Building, Lexington Avenue at 43d Street, New York City; check number 507, dated February 6, 1939.

MR. SPICER also exhibited the current checks which had been drawn on the account of the Skyland Press. These checks listed the following persons as payees:

REX BOYD  
NARDINE WEST  
MARGARETTE JEFFREYS  
DWIGHT WILLIAMS

FRANCES GERALDINE EVANS  
KATHERINE EVANS  
ELVA S. HUITON  
ANDREW CUMMINGS  
MARVIN SMATHERS

MR. SPICER stated that the aforementioned persons were regular recipients of checks, consequently they must be regular employees of the Skyland Press. There was one check drawn in favor of the Allen Asheville Transfer Storage Company in the amount of one hundred dollars; this was evidently in payment for some hauling. Spicer stated that H. C. ALLEN is the proprietor of the Storage Company, and is a reliable citizen. Another check, in the amount of five hundred dollars, was made payable to the Essex Investment Company of Asheville, a real estate concern operated by J. T. CHIOTT; one check was payable to "REED KITCHIN, attorney for R. H. McNEILL". A check dated January 23, 1939, was payable to MRS. ROY ZACHARY, in the amount of twenty dollars; this check was cashed by Mrs. Roy Zachary at Snoqualmie, Washington (ROY ZACHARY is the field organizer for the Pelley organization); consequently, it is surmised that Mr. and Mrs. Roy Zachary are carrying on organizational activities in the State of Washington at the present time. Mr. Spicer stated that many of the checks which are drawn by the Skyland Press are cashed at the Maxwell Jewelry Store, in Asheville, which is operated by one RALANSKI, a Jew. Spicer further stated that it would be possible, through a somewhat long and arduous task, to check over all of the checks of the Skyland Press by running all the film recorded by the Recordak machine.

J. L. HUNTSMAN, an employee of the Dave Steel Company, was interviewed regarding his knowledge of Pelley and the Silver Shirts. Until about December, 1938, Huntsman lived on Sylvan Avenue, three houses away from Pelley's home. Huntsman presently resides at 61 Dunwell Avenue. Huntsman stated that Pelley "travels by night"; that Pelley will not answer the door bell during the day time, as even the laundryman has to leave the laundry on the porch and go away, and later, the door will open and someone will reach out and get the



laundry. He stated that Pelley is often seen taking women into the house, but that Pelley's wife has not been at home in several months, according to the information which he had received. He also stated that men go into Pelley's home, but enter into the rear entrance, via the automobile garage. Huntsman stated that he did not think any of Pelley's meetings were held in the Pelley home.

HUNTSMAN stated that L. J. POOLE, another employee of the Dave Steel Company, lived at 21 Sylvan Avenue, which is directly across the street from Pelley's home, and that Poole's family would be in excellent position to watch the activities of the Pelley household. However, Huntsman stated that Poole was of a moody, surly temperament, and that Poole had told him that he, Poole, once lead a labor strike in Virginia; further, Mrs. Poole told Mrs. Huntsman that once or twice a month Poole would stay out until two or three o'clock in the morning, and was very secretive about his actions. Huntsman stated that he thought that it was possible that Poole might secretly be a member of Pelley's organization, or that Poole was connected with some labor organization. Huntsman suggested that he "feel out" Poole before the latter was contacted by agent.

R. P. "BOB" WILLIAMS, owner of the Biltmore Press, was interviewed regarding his knowledge of, and relationship with, Pelley and the Silvershirts. Williams stated that he knew that the following persons were presently employed by Pelley:

MARTON WRIGHT — this woman is Pelley's personal secretary. She appeared before the Dickstein Committee (Williams thinks it was the Dickstein Committee). She has always been very fond of Pelley, and at one time, there was great rivalry between her and MISS HANSMANN, the present Mrs. Pelley, for Pelley's affections.

MR. AND MRS. TALPY — Talpy is the Treasurer of the Skyland Press.

JOHN AARHUS — this person came to Asheville, with Pelley, from the West, as Pelley's bodyguard; Aarhus is now a general "flunkey" and is in charge of all mailing activities.

WILLIAMS stated that the following persons work in the "downstairs", or printing department:

F. S. CUNNINGHAM  
DWIGHT WILLIAMS

REX ROYD — this person was trained in the printing business by Williams, who states that Boyd is a "weakling", having a

desire to be a "big shot" and have a good time, and drinks a lot. This is the man that Williams had reference to when he, Williams, told Mr. Kilpatrick, his step-father, that he knew a man "who would be gotten to" with reference to obtaining the mailing list of the Pelley organization.

WILLIAMS stated the Pelley organization was moving its headquarters from 643 Haywood Road, West Asheville, to the Biltmore-Oteen Bank Building at Biltmore. Williams was given this information by F. S. CUNNINGHAM, who stated that Pelley was moving on February 16, 1939; that the reason for moving was because Pelley was getting a nicer building, and that the old bank building had a vault in which the Skyland Press and Pelley could keep all their records and books secure. Williams stated that he later learned that Pelley had "jumped on" Cunningham for imparting this information to him, Williams; that for some reason Pelley did not want Williams to know of the move.

WILLIAMS stated that BOB SUMMERVILLE was presently located in the West, probably California. Williams received a Christmas card from Summerville, and will furnish the latter's address at a later date. He stated that Summerville's mother was very much opposed to Pelley, and that she came to Asheville in an effort to persuade Summerville to quit Pelley. Williams stated that Mrs. Summerville told him that Bob Summerville's father had left each of the children \$5,000.00, and that Bob had lost his money, and that she believed Bob Summerville had given the money to Pelley. Williams stated that the elder Mrs. Summerville would be a good source of information about Pelley's activities (for the period up to about 1934 or 1935), as she was very bitter towards Pelley; that she lives with a married daughter, name unknown, on Long Island, New York.

WILLIAMS stated that HARRY SEIBER, formerly Pelley's Treasurer at Galahad College, was now unfriendly with Pelley. Williams exhibited a confidential letter which he had received from Seiber on May 24, 1938, at which time Seiber gave his address as "9 East Wynnewood Road, Wynnewood, Pa." In this letter, Seiber asked Williams whether or not he, Seiber, had been wrong in quitting Pelley, and whether or not Williams thought that Seiber had done the right thing in so doing. The tenure of the letter seemed to indicate that Seiber had some qualms about having quit Pelley, and that he was more or less undecided whether or not he should try to make amends to Pelley, and get back into the good graces of the latter. Williams stated that he had written Seiber that he, Seiber, had done a good thing when he quit Pelley, and that Seiber was well rid of Pelley. Williams stated that Seiber knew a lot about Pelley, but that it was merely a matter of conjecture whether or not Seiber would give the information; he further

added that Seiber had been in a hospital for many months, having been involved in a very bad automobile accident. Seiber took the place of GEORGE S. ANDERSON, when the latter was "kicked out" by Pelley. In this regard, Williams stated that Pelley told him that he, Pelley, had found that Anderson had kept over \$2000 in contributions to Galahad College in the back of his, Anderson's desk; consequently, Pelley kicked Anderson out. Anderson's daughter married a local Asheville boy, CLEVELAND McCONNELL, and went to Florida; however, Williams stated that she might presently be located in Asheville, and would be willing to give information, as the Anderson family is very bitter toward Pelley. It will be noted that GEORGE S. ANDERSON is reputed to have been the "star" witness against Pelley at the time the latter was prosecuted in 1934.

WILLIAMS stated that he had ceased to do Pelley's printing in the latter part of 1936 or the early part of 1937, the exact date he did not recall. At that time, Pelley published on an average of 5500 copies of the "Liberation" weekly. Williams said that DON KELLOG had promised to get Pelley's mailing list for him, Williams, but that soon afterwards Kellog was also "kicked out" by Pelley, before Kellog was able to obtain the mailing lists.

WILLIAMS stated that he did not think that MONT HARDWICKE was connected with Pelley while Hardwicke lived in Asheville (but this seems to be in correct, according to other information received), but that Hardwicke had been associated with Pelley in Washington, D.C. when the League of Liberation had its headquarters in that city. Williams stated that he thought Hardwicke was primarily interested in religion and metaphysics. Hardwicke's father is located in New York City, and is a psychic research expert. Williams stated that when he last heard from Mont Hardwicke, the latter was employed by a large advertising company located at Springfield, Massachusetts, and that Hardwicke intended to go to a college, probably located in Springfield, Mass.

WILLIAMS stated that he last interviewed Pelley on May 25, 1938, at which time he went to Pelley's headquarters to collect a bill from Pelley. Pelley at that time stated that he "had made definite contacts in New York", and that the contacts were furnishing him with all the money he needed. Pelley then told Williams that he wanted Williams to reprint "Behold Life", a book of Pelley's which Williams originally printed.

Questioned as to his knowledge of the Silver-shirts, WILLIAMS stated that he first published literature for the Silver Legion of America on April 18, 1934. Pelley told Williams that he, Pelley, had five thousand interested people on the West Coast (at the time Pelley ran for President in 1936).

Williams stated that each state was supposed to have a State Commander of the Silvershirts. Williams stated one of the State Commanders, one WARWICK of Ohio, had gotten into some trouble. Williams stated that he believed that the, Williams, had printed a pamphlet entitled "Scourge of Cords" which contained the constitution and by-laws of the Silver Shirts; he could remember printing no specific pamphlet on constitution and by-laws. Williams stated that he believed that the Silver Shirts had an oath which each member must take, as he seemed to recall seeing the oath in one of the pamphlets which he published. During Pelley's presidential campaign in 1936, Pelley lead a large caravan of automobiles from San Francisco to the State of Washington. On this trip, Pelley was hailed as the "Chief", and all his followers wore the Silvershirt uniform (black corduroy or grey breeches, black boots, grey shirt with "L" over the heart), and all camped out "and lived like soldiers", according to what Pelley told Williams.

Pelley told Williams to "read Hitler's autobiography, and then compare it with my life and note the similarity between us". At one time, Pelley stated that he was going to establish various camps around the country. Pelley also wanted to buy a large farm, located in Transylvania County, North Carolina (near Brevard) and to establish a 'colony' of his followers on the farm. This farm, until recently, has been rented by a Miss A. A. McDonald, an elderly lady who now lives on the Conathsee Falls Road, on Cedar Mountain. Miss McDonald is a follower of Pelley's. Williams stated that she was about 55-60 years of age, and a fanatic on religion. He stated that at one time she 'received a message instructing her to print certain pamphlets'; that he printed \$5,000.00 worth of these pamphlets for her, and that most of them are presently stored in the attic of his printing shop.

Williams stated that after the bankruptcy, in 1934, that he never charged any printing to any of Pelley's organizations, for fear that Pelley might again put them into bankruptcy; consequently, all work was charged directly to Pelley. At this point, Williams definitely recalled that he had read in one of Pelley's pamphlets the ritual and the oath taken by the Silvershirts upon becoming a member of the organization. Williams stated that his wife regularly receives the Silvershirt literature, and promised to save all such literature in the future and furnish it to reporting agent. He stated that anyone could get Pelley's literature, merely by writing for it; that Pelley was very much interested in getting new members, and that if a person wrote, saying that he was in position to disseminate the literature he would be considered a potential field commander, and would be furnished

plenty of literature.

Williams seemed very cooperative, and stated that if necessary he 'would swallow his pride and make friends with Pelley' in order to get further information.

It will be noted at this point that Pelley, on or about February 17, 1939, began moving his headquarters from 643-645 Haywood Road, West Asheville, to the Biltmore-Oteen Bank Building, Biltmore (all in Asheville, North Carolina). During a surveillance of the old headquarters at 643 Haywood Road, it was noticed that several automobiles were parked around the headquarters building. These cars were all rather old in model, the latest being about a 1936 model. The following license numbers were taken, and when checked, it is believed they will reveal that the cars belong to employees of Pelley:

All plates are North Carolina, 1939:

222-610	217-402
222-963	216-224
215-027	218-539

The upper part of the building is used as a living quarters, and coming from this part was noticed a man aged about fifty years, 5' 10-1/2", slender, medium build, 155 lbs., with white hair; this person is believed to be Aarhus. The building was also equipped with a very large radio aerial, which had five receiving wires. The aerial was commented on, casually, to an employee of a filling station located next door, and he stated that the radio aerial "was to pick up short wave broadcasts", evidencing that persons in the community are evidently fully cognizant of Pelley's purposes and activities.

DR. ALFRED BLOOMBERG, with offices in the Flat Iron Building, stated that he lived in the Haw Creek vicinity, and that the operators of a pottery shop near his home were members of the Silvershirts, or so he had been told. He stated that these persons offer free lessons in the art of pottery making, presumably as a means of approaching people on the Silvershirt issue and to gain new members. He also stated that he had been told that Carlisle Miller, Asheville ticket agent of the Southern Railroad, was used as a means of disseminating the Silvershirt literature; that Miller would give the literature to members of the train crews, and that the latter would distribute the packages of literature to persons along the route of the railroad. This method is used by Pelley and his organization as a part of their

program of having members in key positions, such as railroads, etc. DR. BLOOMBERG further stated that he understood that several employees of the Asheville Railway Express Company were silvershirts. He stated that a REVEREND G. E. WINROD of Wichita, Kansas, who recently ran for U. S. Senator, was very friendly with Pelley; that several years ago, Winrod came to Asheville to attend a meeting of ministers of all religions, and that Winrod caused the disruption of the meeting because Winrod objected to the presence of three Jewish Rabbis. Winrod publishes the "DEFENDER", according to Dr. Bloomberg. Bloomberg further stated that a friend of his by the name of W. W. MICHALOVE was a very good source of information, as Michalove was an amateur detective and had much information about Pelley's activities.

W. W. MICHALOVE, proprietor of the IXL store, stated that he had been present at the Junior Order Hall in Asheville when Pelley held a meeting at that hall; Michalove, however, was unable to gain entrance to the hall. He stated that Pelley did not make a speech, but that the principal speaker was ROY ZACHARY, Field Marshal of the Silvershirts. Michalove stated that a reporter of the Asheville Citizen-Times was barred from the meeting, but that a second reporter effected a disguise and gained the entrance; that another employee of the paper stood at the door and made a list of the persons who entered the hall. Michalove stated that he was present at the time the reporter gave the story to the City Editor, and that the next issue of the paper practically ignored the report of the meeting. Michalove will attempt to get the list of the persons entering the hall, as listed by the newspaperman.

MICHALOVE recalled that about two months ago, he heard a police broadcast regarding some packages that two men had thrown into the French Broad River. The two men had abandoned a car near the river and had run away. The car was later found to be the property of one of Pelley's employees, who, upon being questioned, denied that he had thrown the packages into the river. The Pelley employee stated that his car had been stolen, and the reason that he had not reported it to the police was that he did not know until shortly before he was questioned that the car had actually been stolen. Michalove learned all this by being present when the employee was questioned by the Asheville police officers, as Michalove is an honorary policeman himself.

MICHALOVE stated that he had talked over a matter with DR. BLOOMBERG in regard to one BAUER, formerly the finance officer

at Oteen Veterans' Hospital, who is now located at some Veterans' hospital in either Austin or Waco, Texas. DR. BLOOMBERG had stated that BAUER was given an administrative transfer because he, Bauer, had created some trouble at Oteen as a result of his pro-fascist attitude. Both Bloomberg and Michalove were of the opinion that Bauer is possibly connected with Pelley's Silvershirt organization, but this was purely conjecture on their part.

JIM WHITESIDE, president of the Asheville chapter of the Junior Order (which is a patriotic fraternal organization) was questioned in regard to the meeting which the Silvershirts had held in the Junior Order Hall. Whiteside did not recall the name of the speaker, but stated that the members of the Junior Order, through him, had become curious as to the nature of Pelley's teachings, and for this reason alone had allowed the meeting to be held in the Junior Order Hall. Whiteside stated that as soon as the speaker had revealed the text of the address, several members of the Junior Order "wanted to throw the speaker out", but that he prevailed upon them to let the speaker finish, for the sake of not causing any trouble. He did not recall the identity of the speaker. Whiteside stated that the meeting was scheduled as one of purely religious nature, and was not a meeting of the Silvershirt organization. Whiteside had no further information at the time of the last interview, but will make further inquiries about the Silvershirts and will be contacted at a later date.

MRS. CLEVELAND McCONNELL, 32 Albemarle Place, was formerly BETTY ANDERSON, the daughter of GEORGE S. ANDERSON, the former treasurer of Gallahad College. Mrs. McCONNELL seemed very bitter toward Pelley, stating that the latter and BOB SUMMERVILLE had tried to "frame" her father at the time when Pelley was prosecuted for violation of the Carolina Blue Sky Laws. She stated that GEORGE S. ANDERSON could presently be located at 17 Court Street, Buffalo, New York, in care of CLAY W. HAMLIN; that her father would be glad to give any information that he could about Pelley; however, she stated that her father would know very little about Pelley's organization since 1934, at which time the father and Pelley discontinued their association. Mrs. McConnell informed that she had formerly been a file clerk at Galahad College, and that she had left Pelley's employ when the misunderstanding occurred between Pelley and her father; consequently, she has not been in a position to gain information about Pelley and the Silver Shirts in recent years. She stated that she had a friend who worked for Pelley at the present time, and that the friend had been threatened at one time by some member of the Silvershirt organization; that she would induce this friend to give agent informa-

tion regarding Pelley, as the friend was "disgusted with the whole outfit". This latter person will hereinafter be referred to as confidential informant #4.

~~C~~ Confidential Informant #4 stated that the following was about the organizational set-up at the Pelley headquarters:

W. D. PELLEY, the "Chief", who will be 49 years of age  
March 12, 1939;

ROY ZACHARY, Field Marshal of the Silvershirts;

MARION HENDERSON (formerly Marion Wright), who is Pelley's so-called "right hand man". Miss Henderson, along with Pelley, knows all the information available to the Pelley organization and the Silvershirts. She is Pelley's most trusted aide.

ERNEST HIAL CUMMINGS, who is the official artist for Pelley Publications;

A. H. E. TALPEY, Treasurer of the Pelley organization;

JOHN AARHUS, who fills all orders for literature and delivers same to the post office or express office for shipment.

Other employees at 'headquarters' are:

MRS. E. H. CUMMINGS	MRS. JOHN AARHUS
FRANCES EVANS	KATHERINE EVANS
MRS. NADINE WEST (daughter of Aarhus)	MRS. JEFFRIES
HERMA JEFFRIES	EDNA KLING

All of these latter-mentioned employees work in the bindery.

JESSE KLING is the person who handles the membership list of the Silvershirts, and handles all mail in regards to the Silvershirts.

MRS. A. H. E. TALPEY works in the typing section.

MARVIN SMATHERS, DWIGHT WILLIAMS, and F. S. CUNNINGHAM work in the printing shop.



Informant stated that Mrs. Pelley has been gone from Asheville since May, 1938; and that since that date, she (Mrs. Pelley) has not been listed as the publisher of the Liberation. Informant stated that at the time Pelley was prosecuted in 1934, and at which time he divorced his first wife, that MARION HENDERSON divorced her husband, WRIGHT; and that Pelley and Miss Henderson expected to get married. However, there was great rivalry between MINNIE HANSMANN (the present Mrs. Pelley) and MARION HENDERSON. In view of the fact that Pelley and the Hansmann woman had been traveling around the country together, Pelley married Hansmann in order presumably to avoid prosecution under the White Slave Traffic Act, and also to keep Miss Hansmann off the witness stand during his trial. Informant said that since Mrs. Pelley had departed, Pelley and Marion Henderson had been "carrying on" a clandestine affair; that in the summer of 1938 Pelley became frightened about the Dies investigation, and took Marion Henderson and went to Washington, D.C., and later sent Marion Henderson to her home in Indianapolis, Indiana; that Pelley is afraid of a scandal arising over his affair with Miss Henderson, as if such should happen, Pelley's followers would disavow him. Further, Pelley does not want Miss Henderson to testify before anyone at any time, as she "knows too much", and he is afraid she will break down under continued questioning. Informant stated that if Mrs. Pelley knew of Pelley's present affair with the Henderson woman, that Mrs. Pelley would immediately come to Asheville and "blow the roof off". Informant also stated that Pelley had made a trip to Texas with Marion Henderson; that recently, Pelley was returning to Asheville from Washington, D.C. and that he had Marion Henderson and Cummings meet him at Raleigh, North Carolina, where they stayed all night; that, presumably, Henderson and Pelley occupied the same room at a hotel, though using an assumed name (this latter was purely conjecture on Informant's part). Informant stated that a good way to catch Pelley and Henderson traveling together would be to scare Pelley into thinking that he was being investigated again, and that he would immediately leave Asheville, and take Marion Henderson with him; that Pelley will go into hiding on the least provocation, or suspicion that he is being investigated.

Informant stated that BOB SUMMERVILLE was absolutely not presently connected with any of Pelley's organizations, and that Summerville was presently in California. However, informant stated that Summerville would still be faithful to Pelley under any circumstances. Informant stated that Carroll POSTELLO, who was originally an informant for ALVIN S. KARTUS, had gained all her information "second hand" while formerly employed by BOB WILLIAMS' Biltmore

Press; that Costello was never a member of the Pelley organization; and that Costello "talked too much" and should not be contacted if the present investigation was desired to be kept confidential. Informant stated that a MRS. EDNA GRIFFITH STONE had formerly been connected with Pelley, but had been kicked out by Pelley and was very bitter towards him. Mrs. Stone has had no contact with the organization since about 1934, consequently, informant thought that she would be of little value to the present investigation. Mrs. Stone presently lives in Dallas, Texas, and formerly worked for the Western Union Telegraph Company, through whom she can be located if necessary.

Informant stated that Pelley suspected that a MISS CUNNINGHAM, who accompanied the investigator for the Dies Committee to Asheville, was responsible for the present series of articles that are appearing in Ken Magazine about Pelley.

Informant stated that ROY ZACHARY was presently on his way to Asheville from the West Coast; that ZACHARY is presumably traveling with someone, as he has been unable to travel alone since having been badly beaten in Chicago last year. Informant saw a wire on February 24, 1939, in which money was sent to Zachary for traveling expenses. Informant stated that HARRY SEIBER, formerly treasurer of Galahad College, had been trying to "get back with Pelley", but that Pelley would not take him back at present. However, informant stated that Seiber would not give any information regarding Pelley, and would immediately apprise Pelley if he, Seiber, was contacted. Informant stated that Harrison FARGO McCONNELL was a well-known Washington lawyer with whom Pelley had formerly been associated, and with whom Pelley established a Washington office in 1938. However, Pelley and McConnell disagreed and they evidently severed their relationship. However, informant stated that McConnell's book, "What the President Knows", is still one of the four Primers of the Pelley followers and organization.

In regard to MRS. MARY ELLEN SALMON, who resides on Arco Road (and who is the MRS. SALMONEST mentioned in reference report), informant stated that MRS. SALMON was interested in the "esoteric" teachings of Pelley, and in informant's opinion, Mrs. Salmon has only a passing interest in the Silvershirts. Mrs. Salmon is divorced from her husband, and lives on the alimony which her former husband pays her. Informant stated that Mrs. Salmon has a peculiar attic in her Arco Road home, and informant thinks that it is entirely probable that this attic is a potential place for the safekeeping of Pelley's books and records in time of an investigation; that the

attic possibly has been so used, prior to the present time. With Mrs. Salmon resides Mrs. Jeffries, who works in the bindery at Pelley's headquarters. Mrs. Jeffries is said to ride to and from Asheville with an employee of the Sears and Roebuck store. Regarding the persons who live on Arco Road and operate a pottery shop, informant stated that these persons are a MR. and MRS. KING, who are two rather elderly persons. Mrs. King was formerly a school teacher in some northern state; she presently operates an art shop on Wall Street, Asheville. Informant stated that the Kings are merely followers of Pelley in the hopes that they will finally get some of the benefits which Pelley continually promises, as the Kings "are on the verge of starvation".

It is reported that Pelley gave \$20,000.00 for the Biltmore-Oteen bank building, which is a two-story brick structure. The records of the Buncombe County Clerk's office were checked by Special Agent J. B. Brown, but failed to disclose any property transfer in the name of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY or the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., as of record on the date checked, 2/24/39. It was ascertained, however, that the Biltmore-Oteen bank building was being handled by the Carolina Realty Corporation and the Essex Investment Company, both of whom are managed by a Mr. Chiott. He will be interviewed regarding full details of this transaction.

Informant #4 stated that RAY F. ~~X~~INGLE, of Asheville, moved Pelley's printing press business and equipment. A man named MOSELY moved the office furniture and the literature. Pelley also bought a lot of new equipment such as rugs, etc., from Ivey's store, and the Sears-Roebuck store. Also, Pelley had the furniture which he purchased in Washington, D. C., for his office in that city, brought to Biltmore to place in the new office.

Informant stated that Pelley received most of the money contributions in box 1776, Asheville post office. Pelley begged someone to give him box 1776, as the number had a definite meaning in Pelley's program; the box stands for "Liberty". Informant stated that most of Pelley's literature was sent out by Parcel Post; that some was sent by freight; and some sent by Railway Express. Informant recently had occasion to type the ~~X~~mailing list, and stated that it consisted of 12 pages of legal cap paper, containing about 600 names. Informant stated that most of the literature is sent out in packages of from five to two hundred copies which are in turn distributed to various people. Some packages go complimentary; all members of Congress (except the Jewish members) are recipients of the literature; other prominent persons also receive the literature. Some members of the German

11 American Bund receive the literature; some literature is sent to foreign countries. DR. JOHN R. BRINKLY of Del Rio, Texas, is a regular recipient of the literature, and incidentally, is thought by informant to be very friendly with Pelley, and possibly furnishes the latter some money. This information was further verified by WILLIAM H. CORBETT, a member of the organization. The subscription list is made up alphabetically, by states; the subscription list here referred to is that of the Liberation. Informant stated that Pelley publishes an esoteric magazine which is called "REALITY", but informant has never seen the subscription list for this magazine. Informant stated that, in informant's opinion, Pelley and the Silvershirts were not connected with the American Bund, or with any other organization. Every contribution is acknowledged by a letter of thanks, no matter how small the contribution. This is done in order that Pelley cannot be charged with fraud or with using the mails to defraud. Informant stated that it was informant's belief that Pelley was not as much interested in the Silvershirts as he was interested in his printing establishment and his esoteric teachings; that Pelley had stated that his followers "had practically forced him to assume the role of Chief of the Silver Shirts". Informant further stated that Pelley did not have any recreation or drill camps, or anything similar; due to the fact that Pelley has never had the money to establish such camps or training areas. Informant stated that there had been trouble within the organization regarding the one lodge which they did have, the Redmond Lodge located in the State of Washington. Informant recalled having heard Pelley state that he had "5000 interested followers" in the year 1934, but has not since heard him make a statement as to the number of the Silvershirts or other followers of Pelley. Informant stated that the contributions from Pelley's followers were coming in better at the present time than they had ever before. Informant recalled that one doctor, located in a city thought to be Charlestown, Mass., had made a very large contribution at one time. Informant stated that Pelley had endeavored through Field Marshal ROY ZACHARY, who is the official organizer, to have some outstanding man in each state as the State Commander of the Silver Shirts. Informant explained that Zachary originally came from Cashiers, North Carolina, but had migrated to the West Coast many years ago. Two more employees of Pelley at his headquarters are REX BOYD, a printer formerly employed by the Asheville Citizen-Times; and a MRS. HENTON, who does night work for Pelley; Mrs. Henton is regularly employed by the Inland Press, located on Market Street in Asheville.

Informant stated that KENNETH ALEXANDER, who wrote the letter to PABLO DELGADO, the Mexican Preacher mentioned in report of reference, was not the same person as KENNETH B. ALEXANDER, an

employee of the Oteen, North Carolina, Veterans' Facility. Informant said that Kenneth Alexander has been a very close friend of Pelley's, but that the present whereabouts of Alexander is unknown. Kenneth Alexander is an Englishman, who was a script writer for Hollywood movie studios. After becoming a follower of Pelley, Alexander lost his job as script writer, due to the fact that his particular type of script was no longer in demand. However, Alexander blames his dismissal on the "Jews who run the movie industry", and is very bitter toward Jews. In view of this information, no further investigation will be conducted in regard to Kenneth B. Alexander of Oteen, North Carolina, (whose home is in Asheville, North Carolina). It will be further noted that letter sent to PABLO DELGADO was sent to the latter in Los Angeles, and then, on April 5, 1938, was forwarded to El Paso, Texas. It will be noted that the writer of the letter, Alexander, mentions that he "just returned from an extensive trip in the U. S. and Canada". The leave card of Kenneth B. Alexander was checked at the Veterans Facility at Oteen, North Carolina, and it revealed that he was on continuous duty prior to April 28, 1938, at which time he was given leave until May 16, 1938. Therefore, it would have been impossible for Kenneth B. Alexander of Oteen to have accomplished the travel referred to in the letter to Delgado.

Informant furnished agent with a copy of a new pamphlet entitled "How to Join the Silvershirts". This article states that unit provided for inducting newly interested men and women into Silvershirt activities is the "Council of Safety", a group of four or more Silvershirts, which may include both men and women. Twelve or more men Silvershirts may form a "Post", the same number of women may form a "Chapel". Consequently, it is believed that although male and female are designated as Silvershirts, women's groups are called Chapels and men's groups are called Posts.

ALVIN S. KARTUS, Attorney, Flat Iron Building, stated that prior to Pelley's 1934 trial, he had spent a year and a half trying to work up a case against Pelley. Kartus, who is Jewish, stated that it would be of no avail to try to get information from Jewish people living in Asheville, as they had been unable to lend him much assistance in view of the fact that Jews would naturally be barred from any of Pelley's organizations. In regard to Dr. Mahler and Dr. Heinzerling, who have been referred to heretofore, Kartus stated that he had heard the same story from Mrs. J. E. Liss, and that it should be disregarded, as Mrs.

Liss seemed to be a little "cracked", probably due to a period of sickness to which she has been subjected.

KARTUS turned over to agent a 7 page report on the conference he had with GEORGE H. ANDERSON, February 12, 1934, in which Anderson outlined his entire connection with William D. Pelley and his various organizations which were in operation prior to the date of this conference. This statement is being retained in the Charlotte file and the pertinent information contained therein is being set out briefly below.

GEORGE H. ANDERSON advised that he was formerly connected with the Niagara Falls Power Company from 1919 through 1928, when he served as Public Relations Counsel; that he then went into the insurance business in Buffalo, New York, where he remained until 1932. He advised that he had had a long friendship with HENRY HARDWICKE who had long been interested in the subject of Metaphysics, having published a book on the subject; that it was through Hardwicke's interest in this subject that he, Hardwicke, became associated with William D. Pelley. He advised that Hardwicke was responsible for his becoming associated with Pelley, with whom he worked for a period of something over a year just prior to bankruptcy. Mr. Anderson then furnished a brief outline of Pelley's career since 1929. In this connection he pointed out that in 1929 Pelley published an article called "Seven Minutes in the Eternity". This article was published in the American Magazine and Pelley is said to have received at least 60,000 letters from readers of the article. As a result of this interest by the readers of this article, Pelley decided to publish a monthly magazine, dealing chiefly with the subject of metaphysics and other allied subjects. He stated that this magazine was started in New York City; was published by the Gallahad Press, Inc., an organization formed by Pelley and incorporated in the State of New York. This monthly magazine finally became a weekly and is now known as "Liberation", and is published and put out by the Pelley Publications at Asheville, North Carolina.

ANDERSON further advised that sometimes during this early period the magazine changed its address and headquarters and moved from New York City to Washington, D. C. The organization now became more complicated. Pelley claimed that his subscribers started asking for more "meaty" articles about metaphysics and he then conceived the idea of issuing psychi letters, separate and distinct from the magazine. These letters were called Liberation Scrips, for which he charged fifty cents each. His Washington organization he called the League for Liberation, (unincorporated.) He claims that

within six months time he had organized groups which he called centers, numbering three hundred eighty seven, at which centers these so-called Liberation Scripts were read. Each group had a leader who was called a chaplain and to this leader was sold these scripts in wholesale quantities at thirty-five cents each, who in turn sold it to the members of the group at fifty cents each. This all took place during the years 1930, 1931, and the early part of 1932. In June, 1932, Pelley informed Anderson he came to Asheville at the behest of Mrs. LILLIAN EMERSON/TERRY, who had offered him some large quantity of land and was arranging for him capital with which to construct buildings for this metaphysics college. For some reason that did not pan out and he opened up a college at the Woman's Club in Asheville, where he planned to run a summer school made up of his chaplains who were to receive instructions. To this summer school came approximately 100 of these chaplains, fifty of whom stayed for the full course.

He informed that after his conferences with Pelley in September, 1932, it was agreed that his work was to promote the sale of the Liberation Magazine and to sell the year courses. It is well to add that in August Pelley had established a correspondence course and by the time of Anderson's arrival there were approximately three hundred students enrolled in this correspondence work.

He advised that after joining the Pelley organization and making several false starts a meeting was held at which time he, Anderson, was appointed Treasurer and was made general manager for the entire organization; that upon this reorganization it was agreed that all palmists, astrologers, spiritualists and general hangers-on were weeded out; that accordingly the membership in the correspondence school grew steadily, but that their finances were gradually going from bad to worse. He advised that during this crucial financial period Pelley went away and wrote fifteen to twenty fiction stories, some of which were published. He advised that prior to changing the magazine from a monthly to a weekly magazine very little had ever been published about anti-Semitism, but that at about the time of this change Pelley appeared to have become interested in this subject, more particularly after Pelley returned from Washington, where he had consulted with Attorney HERB WARD, who during the war period was Alien Property Custodian, and who it appeared exerted a great deal of influence on Pelley.

ANDERSON further advised that during the time he was connected with Pelley they were printing and distributing approximately 4000 copies of the "Liberation" magazine weekly, and further, that during June, 1933, there were not over 6800 members of the Silvershirts, most of whom were women. He advised that Pelley had once told him that Rep. MCFADDEN had told him, Pelley, that he, MCFADDEN, had been offered the opportunity to take up active work as a Nazi representative in this country for the Hitler Government, but had deemed it unwise at the time to accept the offer. In this same connection he advised that one PAUL VONLILLIENTHAL of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, who is supposed to be a Baron and represented some German Steamship Line in Philadelphia, was trying to get Pelley together with the head of the German Steamship Line which was representing the Nazis. Up until the time that Anderson's connection was severed this had not worked out. Anderson further informed that Pelley attempted to work through McFadden to obtain a connection to the German Embassy whereby Pelley could handle the German American for the Nazis. He said that McFadden stalled him off for the time being saying that the time was not ripe to play with Luther.

KARTUS stated that the McCormack Congressional Committee investigated Pelley about 1933, and recorded the testimony which was taken before the Committee.

Agent inspected the bankruptcy records in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court, and found that the Gallahad Press had listed accounts receivable from a large number of persons. In view of the fact that the amount owed by each person listed was, generally, for only a few dollars, it was evident that the amounts owed for literature published by Pelley; consequently, it is believed that the list is practically the mailing list of the Pelley organization at that time (1934). A list of the creditors whose claims were unsecured was made, and is being retained in the file for possible future use.

AT HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

Investigation was conducted in an effort to learn whether or not a group of about twenty Silvershirts were in existence at Hendersonville, as had been reported.

Chief of Police OTIS POWERS stated that a man by the name of F. W. SUMNER, who was very well educated, and who teaches in the Lee Edwards High School in Asheville, had been holding some sort of meetings in the City Hall on Thursday nights. Chief Powers stated



that he had seen about fifteen or twenty people attend these meetings, most of whom were elderly women; practically no young people attended the meeting. He stated that Sumner had formerly lived in Hendersonville, but presently resides on a farm which is located between Hendersonville and Asheville. Powers stated that at the time Sumner lived in Hendersonville, one of Powers' informants had reported that Sumner kept several rifles in his home; however, in view of the fact that Sumners has always seemed to be a well-respected and orderly citizen, Powers never investigated the matter. Powers stated that REVEREND BROADUS WALL, the Baptist Minister at Hendersonville, seemed to be friendly with Sumner, and in fact, had introduced Sumner to Mayor Edwards, who gave Sumner the permit to use the City Hall for the meetings. Powers stated that Broadus Wall could be trusted implicitly, and would probably be able to give valuable information regarding Sumner. Powers stated that, although he had seen the meetings in session, he had never attended, and was in no position to know what was the scope of the meeting. An effort was made to contact Rev. Wall, but he was absent from the city at the time, and will be interviewed at a later date.

CHIEF POWERS stated that he did not know of the existence of any Silvershirt unit in Hendersonville, but that Sumner's meetings might be a Silvershirt unit. (It was previously ascertained that Sumner was a follower of Pelley, and probably a Silvershirt - this information being obtained from a former member of Pelley's organization.) Powers was questioned about some Hendersonville resident who is employed by the Enka Corporation, Enka, North Carolina, who is reported to be a member of the Silvershirts. The employee's father is also supposed to be a member of the Silvershirt unit in Hendersonville. Chief Powers recalled that a person named JACK BROOKS had recently married Sumner's daughter; that Brooks was employed by the Enka Corporation; consequently, Brooks would be the logical person referred to. He stated that Brooks' father, G. W. BROOKS, was a prominent real estate dealer in Hendersonville. Chief Powers stated that Jack Brooks resided at the Bellevue Apartments on 6th Avenue, and that he would immediately investigate the entire matter concerning the Silvershirts, Sumner, and the Brooks family.

MAYOR A. V. EDWARDS stated that he "had been approached by several prominent citizens" who requested that Sumner be allowed to use the City Hall for a meeting place, the purpose of which, he was told, was religious. Mayor Edwards stated that he had always been under the impression that the meetings were of a religious nature, and in fact, had not given the matter any attention. He stated that Sumner had evidently ceased to hold the meetings, but

that he would investigate to "see what was going on". He stated that Sumner presently resided in the Mills River Section, Northwest of Hendersonville, and that possibly Sumner's neighbors could give some information regarding Sumner's activities.

In view of the fact that a list of persons known to be communicating with Pelley or Pelley Publishing Company is being furnished the Charlotte Field Division, no lead is being set out to check the records of the District Accountant of the Railway Express Company, at Washington, D. C., at this time, as it is believed that most of the persons to whom Pelley sends literature is contained on this list. Neither is a lead being set out to interview GEORGE S. ANDERSON, as all the information that he is believed able to give is set out in this report, having been obtained from ALVIN S. KARTUS. The lead, set out for the Charlotte Field Division, requesting that MISS CARROLL COSTELLO, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, be interviewed, should be held in abeyance until a later date, as it has been learned that she is not a desirable contact to make at the present time.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. B. Brown:

WILLIAM HENRY CASHUT was again interviewed at which time he turned over to Agent several additional pieces of literature, among which were two pamphlets entitled "The Scourge of Cords". These pamphlets purport to be a journal of official communications and comment, published every little while by Chief Pelley for Silver Legion supporters and affiliates. The two referred to are dated October, 1937, and January, 1938, respectively. The first is Volume One, Number One and the second is Volume One, Number Two. Cashut advised that so far as he knows these are the only two such confidential pamphlets printed to date, under the above referred to title. Both of these pamphlets carry articles by Chief Pelley and FIELD MARSHAL ROY ZACHARY, pertinent parts of which are being quoted below:

"Whether we deliberately plan it as such or not, this Silver Legion is gradually and naturally growing into a nationwide organization of potential anti-Communist, anti-Jewish leaders of tomorrow, and when a man or woman comes into it now, they do so because they understand exactly what is required of them individually not as a grand hoorah of climbing on flag-draped band-wagons.

"This does not imply that the persons who have stuck with the Legion throughout the Dickstein Raid, the Christian Party sabotage of 1936 in the northwest, and times of enforced inactivity

because the funds for this work come strictly from its membership, are inconsiderable as to numbers. It implies, and conveys frankly and positively, that Silver Legionaires still active and interested "have what it takes" in their individual compositions to put this whole program across, if, as, and when, the time becomes opportune. But the matter does not stop there.

"We are getting a sturdier and more responsible type of citizen into The Legion - people who understand reasonably what it's all about before they apply for membership. The boy-scouters, the picnickers, the would-be window-smashers, the Nice-Thought thinkers, and the Mysterious Lads, are finding themselves concerned with their private pursuits.

"In other words, I might put it that the Legion's growing pains are about over. The period of its adolescence is slipping behind it.

"I want men and women in this Legion from now on, who are responsible leaders in their many communities, who can stand sturdily for an aggressive Constitutionalism as it is threatened by Great Reds in the federal government, who are instinctively Legionaires in Christian Principles - and who therefore remain such, no matter what the secular fortunes of the organization may comprise.

"I have seen what I call an Old Guard grow up within the ranks of the irresponsibles and the defectants. This Old Guard is composed of sane and reliable patriotic Christians, who keep their feet on the ground, aid Headquarters to meet its deficits, slip out the literature in ever-heavier quantities, talk with influential citizens in their own communities and win them over to the agreement that the Washington Crowd must go!

"With this Old Guard I can accomplish things - and am doing so. Its members understand my motives and are convinced that somehow or other, by deliberate maneuver or lucky break at a strategic moment, we are going to win all our fondest objectives and draw our dividends for months, and even years, of loyalty and constancy to a principle.

"There is no list of this Old Guard in existence. It requires no listing. Most of its members are known to me personally, and I have a peculiar faculty for remembering such persons individually no matter whether they number in the hundreds or the thousands. They have stood by me and with me under fire, and will do so again as occasion demands.

"Make no mistake about it, a sentiment for a non-Jewish America is growing in this country. This is proven by the scores of organizations and movements that have sprung up since The Silver Legion had the courage to pioneer the way, whose main activity consists in flooding the country with the truth about the Judaists. Somebody is reading all this literature, and thereby the assumption can be drawn that having been produced for reading, somebody is paying for it. And people do not pay for things of which they do not approve - with the single exception of New-Deal taxes!

"We are engaged in no flamboyant enterprise to overthrow American institutions and introduce an American brand of Nazism, much as our Jewish citizens revel in that assumption.

"Quietly, forcefully, effectively, we are engaged in a nation-wide campaign to first clean the country of racially subversives, then recommend legitimately an economic program that should end America's financial afflictions for all posterity.

"That is our whole mission, and while no bands are playing anthems to it, we are accomplishing it!

"As for myself, were I not satisfied with our present growth and status, I would be doing something else.

"W. D. PELLEY"

#### "TALPEY FORGING AHEAD"

"The individual executive now forging ahead in Headquarters executive work, to gradually take Martin's place, is ALFRED H. E. TALPEY, already well known to hundreds of Legionaires through his correspondence.

"Talpey is one of the most interesting men who has taken up Headquarters work to date. His family is an old one in the State of Maine, but Talpey himself was born in Shanghai, China, his father having gone to the Far East on a business trip and met and married his mother, an English woman, in that place.

"Talpey is a brother-in-law of Ben Ames Williams, nationally-known magazine writer and author, Williams having married his sister.

"A graduate of Harvard University in the class of 1906, Talpey educated himself as an electrical engineer, winning the degree of Bachelor of Science. He is 54 years old at present.

"Talpey came into the Legion work in 1934, having been interested in recruiting in the State of Delaware, where he was formerly an organizer and officer of the Interstate Casualty Company. Harry Seiber brought him to Headquarters, and barring an absence following the Dickstein Raid, Talpey has been connected with Headquarters since.

"His wife, Leonora, is similarly zealous in promoting the work of The Silver Legion and is attached to Headquarters, having been Martin's secretary and stenographer prior to his passing."

#### ZACHARY'S VIEWPOINT:

"I happen to know that Chief Pelley has seen one chance after the other go glimmering, when he could have shoved monkey-wrench after monkey-wrench into the adversary's machinery this past three years, but he knew well enough that by the time he had sent an appeal for the funds to the country, on which to do it, the opportunity would have vanished. Besides, such an appeal would mean telling the Legionaire up in the brush of Wisconsin or down in the river-bottoms of Texas just what he proposed to do and how he expected to do it. And such explanation would unerringly fall into the hands of the public conspirators, who would thereby know just how to ward off such an attack and successfully protect themselves.

"There are enough Silver Legionaires in this nation who by pledging a moderate amount, each one of them, for Headquarters activity would be treated to a show of action that would astound them. But they always and forever wait for the Chief to take the initiative in any matter of action, or find himself under the indignity of writing them a politely begging letter, and then blister him for doing nothing but giving his time to a publishing house and producing magazines.

"The Silver Legion should have an ample, healthy War Chest made up of regular pledged contributions to the Legion's work as a matter of principle, on which Pelley can depend when he sees a chance to hit the enemy a wallop. We Gentiles certainly have a strange weakness for letting the willing horse pull the load, and then berating him because the load moves so slowly.

"I have undertaken to raise such a War Chest for the Chief, and say the things to the Legionaires of the country that the Chief cannot say for himself.

"If the amounts of small currency that the average Legionaire spends weekly for Jewish movies, was matched by an equal amount sent as regularly to Headquarters, the accumulate from all over the nation would enable Pelley to start suit after suit against some of the marplots who are now undermining our nation so atrociously. Such suits would have a wholesome restraining influence on their arrogance and insolence of the present and future. These things can be accomplished but the Chief cannot complete them on insipid water and cold potatoes.

"I happen to know that Chief Pelley is pushing his publishing program at present almost purely to provide himself with a steady source of revenue with which to prosecute the work. That much have many affluent Legionaires let him down. Critics within the Legion go off on Sunday afternoon motor trips in shiny new automobiles automobiles and discuss Pelley's inactivity. But Pelley himself is still driving his second-hand Buick bought in 1929. Whatever surplus money he gets, goes into paying Headquarters expenses and keeping the supply of literature coming out. How many of you people who write sarcastic letters at times, demanding to know why you don't receive your copies of Liberation regularly, are aware that perhaps the Chief has done his part and produced the magazines but that they are waiting at Headquarters in the mail-bags till enough remittances arrive to enable him to meet the bill for postage?

"Pelley cannot belittle himself by going out and cater-wauling about these things. And in the face of such struggling for a Principle, a member of Congress like Dickstein has the effrontery to get up and talk about the prodigious amounts of money Pelley gets from Germany, Japan, Oshkosh, and other places."

"ROY ZACHARY, Field Marshal".

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The above quotations are from the October, 1937, issue while the following are from the January, 1938, issue:

"THE CHIEF'S VIEWPOINT:"

Personally I look upon it that our work of warning the Nation's Gentiles about the machinations of Jewry, is brilliantly

succeeding and therefore near its end. Millions of persons have now read The Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion. Millions more have taken note that The Sick Man's tenure has turned out naught but a Kike Administration, with all the jazz, lecheries, and imbecilities of Hollywood precipitated into sacrosanct federal government. Still millions more have taken warning of Russia, and introduced themselves to the devastating truth that Communism as it has come out of Moscow is merely world Jewry in action, destroying Gentile institutions wholesale, that Jews may reign supreme.

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"Its quite all right for the Wisemen of Zion to think us fools. Take note however that their American progeny entertained no such illusions when they regarded what happened in Munroe, Michigan and Warren, Ohio. They are so hot and confused over the Gentiles not running true to form as fools, that they have to put their own private Red Kommittee in the Senate on the job and try to smoke out just who the responsible Gentiles are, who made hash in those places of their disintegrating revolution."

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"Up in Lansing, Michigan, and Detroit, as result of Governor Murphy interesting himself in the activities of The Silvershirts, The Jewish Transcript has just made discovery of a stupendous "plot" - another one! - that these un-American Silvershirts propose to coop up the Jews in 48 State ghettos. They had Love-and-Kisses Murphy down to New York personally to assure them that while he was governor there would be no State Ghetto in Michigan.

"The joke in that maneuver, of course, is that when it comes time to coop the Jews in 48 State Beth-Havens, Love-and-Kisses Murphy will be supplanted by the type of governor who is something other than a kosher errand-boy for Moscow."

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"Things are boiling hot for The Silvershirts in Michigan just now, as a result of a newspaper reporter printing a Sunday story of the activities of the Lansing Post, intended at first to discount The Legion. But the story backfired. Jittery Jews picked it up. They stormed in on Love-and-Kisses Murphy - so nicknamed for his lachrimose favoring of the C I O communists during the steel strike and his declarations that so long as he was governor everything would be settled in brotherly love - of the Moscow variety, evidently.

"But that's the unnerving thing that the Pawnbrokers are up against. Say nothing against the Silvershirts and they promote from the sheer fact that they have no defaming criticism. Give them the defaming criticism and instead of defaming them, it calls the attention of the public to their existence and brings in the new applications for membership."

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"Never have we been keyed up to a finer pitch at Headquarters for such a year of public instruction as The Legion never has attempted. Field Marshal Zachary has recovered from his broken leg and taken to the field again. New workers have been added to the production end. The pledges sent in by workers in the west and north have enabled me to deluge our public men with our literature that too meager finances hitherto prohibited.

"Every member of the Senate and the Congress, of Gentile blood, has received a gratis copy of No More Hunger, and regularly receives Liberation at Headquarters' expense. The booklet What Every Congressman Should Know has again drawn near exhaustion and will have to be put shortly into a third large printing. This bonafide and formidable list of Jews in government has proved to be the most popular number which Pelley Publishers have issued. It has been the means of opening contacts for our literature from strangers who would otherwise not have heard about us."

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"But the harvesting does not come until 1939 and possibly 1940 to 1944.

"It was said of Genghis Khan that he became the conqueror of Asia and part of Europe because he had the courage and patience to wait two to five years, as necessary, for conditions to become just right for his campaigns to succeed.

"Let us exhibit similar patience, for the victory in sight is going to keep us in the national and historical limelight for long days to come. We can afford to trade months of patience in the present, for years of triumphant achievement in the future.

"But help me this year to sell the No More Hunger plan to the nation! Once get this program sold, and the problems of Jews and Communism will dissolve automatically."



"And a Yiddisher dissolving automatically is a sight worth waiting years to behold!

"CHIEF".

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"THE MARSHAL'S VIEWPOINT:

"History is being written large in the affairs of The Silver Legion. Events both at headquarters and in the field are moving at a tempo that is bringing a smile to the face of Chief Pelley and to every member of his staff privileged to witness the transition".

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"Early summer saw Pelley's Legion struggling to operate on the meager funds derived from literature sales. It was a struggle. Only by appealing to certain loyal American Patriots who are somewhat affluent, or thru their volunteered contributions, was it possible to carry on the work of The Legion on a national scale from Asheville Headquarters".

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"The most urgent need was that of finances. Money had to come from some source if the Legion was to continue to function as a national organization. It was this particular need that led me into the field with the idea of organizing a dependable monthly income. Certain important undertakings could not be attempted without assurance that funds were in sight to carry such activities thru to completion".

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"In Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana, California, and Nevada, I met faces new to me, but old in the unselfish and patriot service of the Silver Legion. In Washington and Oregon, association was renewed with the same loyal people with whom I had worked in the 1936 campaign."

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"Events of great significance are in the making, both on the National and the International stage. Liberation is to be an

influence of weight, down through the coming weeks. It is free of all organizational material, and is powerful ammunition to use in blasting into the patriotic consciousness of Americans. Prominent influences are beginning to admit that Chief Pelley was not amiss in his predictions relative to the sequence of events leading towards a condition of chaos that now can come any day. Strange doors are now opening to us leading into new fields of promotion.

"Recruiting of new members has been placed on a more conservative and sensible basis. We are no longer taking aspirants into The Legion to educate them. A new policy requires the applicant to educate himself in our principles first, as PROOF of his sincerity and his fitness for membership. It is the better way. New application forms are being prepared to comply with the change in policy.

"Out in the State of Washington, a loyal Silvershirt has set up equipment to help place literature within reach of all. His prices on The Protocols are advertised elsewhere in this issue, and bear positive witness that he considers the importance of wide distribution above profit.

"ROY ZACHARY, National Field Marshal".

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#### "NIPPONESE TAKING NOTICE

"American-born Nipponese have suddenly "come awake" to the efforts which Chief Pelley is exerting - in behalf of embattled forces of Nippon in China - among enlightened Americans. Letters continue to arrive from Japanese in all parts of the United States commending and pledging their future support to the Silver Legion work. It will interest Legionaires to know that a generous bundle of Liberations goes every week to Tokio, from whence copies are distributed to Nipponese officialdom, apprizing them of how the Christian bloc in this country views their efforts to put down Jewish Bolshevism in Cathay."

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#### "FINANCE AND PSYCHOLOGY

"Mr. Dickstein insists that The Silver Legion is financed by foreign interests. We of The Legion positively know that Dickstein

is an unscrupulous liar. But few of our own loyal and patriotic supporters realize the vital effect of psychology upon the success of our program to bring Christian enlightenment to the bewildered and confused populace of this Great Nation.

"Every dollar spent by The Silver Legion comes from one of two sources. We are proud and grateful that our funds come from Americans who are both patriotic and enlightened. Our major revenue comes from the legitimate earnings of The Pelley Publishers. Voluntary contributions from American Citizens constitute the only other finances that go into this work".

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#### "CHRISTMAS AT SILVER LODGE

"One of the most inspiring Silvershirt meetings held to date, is reported out of Redmond, Wash., where over a hundred sectional representatives gathered in Silver Lodge for Christmas services on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26th. The great rustic lodge at Redmond, constructed by the Silvershirts as a monument to the Christian Party campaign of 1936, was crowded to capacity, delegates arriving from points as far distant as Spokane.

"State Ranger Orville ~~X~~Roundtree of Chahalis had charge of the Christmas Memorial Services, which opened with the characteristic Silvershirt hymn of Onward, Christian Soldiers.

"Dr. Dwight D. ~~X~~Clark, Legion leader from Olympia, the State Capital, made a masterly reading of Chief Pelley's Yuletide message especially addressed to this gathering because of the Chief's presence in the Lodge at the first Christmas Services held under its roof a year bygone. A copy of this Message done on antique paper in the Headquarters printing-house in Asheville was later presented to each attendant as a souvenir of the occasion.

"A similar seasonable address to the same gathering from Field Marshal Roy Zachary was delivered through Mrs. Rubie Sharpe ~~X~~Johnson, Lodge hostess.

"Among the speakers who then addressed the assemblage were Malcolm ~~X~~Moore of Ilwaco, candidate for Governor of the State on the Christian Party ticket in 1936; Harry Pico of Seattle, who likewise ran for Lieutenant Governor; Peter ~~X~~Husby of the Everett Post; Rudd ~~X~~Ellingsen of Bremerton Post; Dr. Clark and State Ranger Roundtree. Mr. and Mrs. Moore remained overnight as the Lodge guests of Arthur and Rubie ~~X~~Johnson.

"Delegates from Posts over the entire State being present, Ranger Roundtree made the occasion the opportunity for a galvanizing of the Silver Legion work from Puget Sound to the Idaho line during 1938, a complete reading of the Legion manual, Stand Up and Be Counted, and a discussion of Silvershirt plans for stronger internal organization, featuring the day's gathering".

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"Public petitions, appealing to the Congress of the United States to impeach Franklin D. Roosevelt, Senator Robert M. La Follette, and Samuel Dickstein, for their obvious activities in behalf of Jewish Reds in this nation, have made their surreptitious appearance and are being widely circulated.

"Wherever one of these petitions falls into the hands of a Silvershirt, it is the Chief's request that the recipient promptly fill up its spaces with the appropriate numbers of signers and despatch it without delay to the Clerk of the Congress.

"This is an entirely bonafide and constitutional method for expressing the disapproval of loyal Americans for the pro-alien activities of these public officeholders. The Congress may not act upon the said petitions, but to have them arrive in appreciable quantities will go far toward strengthening the moral stamina of those Senators and Representatives at Washington grimly battling Communism in high quarters".

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On the back of the pamphlet from which the above quotations are printed, the following notice to active members regarding membership appears:

**"IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ACTIVE MEMBERS!**

"Your attention is called to rules now in effect relative to new applications for membership in THE SILVER LEGION.

"Photograph or snapshot of applicant must accompany each application.

"The applicant must have read the Protocols and NO MORE HUNGER, thus qualifying him to understand something of America's problem and the remedy. Each applicant must endorse the program of THE CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH. Applications received without writ-

ten attestments as to the above qualifications will be held until such requirements are met.

"New application blanks are being printed in a form which provides proper space for the above-designated information. Write for a supply of these new blanks in handling further applications."

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It is noted that the loyal legionaire referred to in one of the articles quoted above who is in position to furnish Western members with the printed Pelley publication entitled "PROTOCOLS OF ZION" is one FRED WIDMER of Mt. Vernon, Wash., Box 267.

From an undated pamphlet entitled "Applying Horse-Sense to the Federal Mess" it is noted that the fourteen points of the No More Hunger Plan are set out. Since this plan is the purported goal of the Pelley organization this part of the article is being quoted below:

"THE FOURTEEN POINTS OF THE NO MORE HUNGER PLAN"

"First: Create one nation-wide Great Corporation, to receive and distribute the agricultural and manufactured products of the United States; the Common Stock and directing power in the Great Corporation to be held and voted by native-born and naturalized citizens of the nation, women as well as men, on the basis of one Common Share to each voting citizen, each of which Common Shareholders shall receive a Federal Guaranteed Dividend of \$83 per month or \$1,000 per year as perpetual Hunger Insurance and minimum income.

"Second: Use the Preferred Stock of this Great Corporation to liquidate America's present bonded debt, to recompense all security owners of public and private business for any losses entailed in amalgamating the operations of the said business into the activities of the said Great Corporation, and to reward private citizens year by year for individualistic industry, talent, thrift or outstanding public service.

"Third: Enable American business, through Federal credit financing, to resume full-time operations, and call back to productive employment the millions of adults whose support by the present relief strategies of the Roosevelt Administration constitutes a financial wound now bleeding the nation white.

"Fourth: The Great Corporation to take the full-time production of such resumed and revitalized industry, at equitable prices based on the 1929 level of wages, for a period of Nine Years, after which period readjustments will be made commensurate with the welfare of the whole public.

"Fifth: Establish a monthly checking account to the credit of each voting citizen, married or single, in a Federal Bank in his or her District; in which account will be placed credits in payment of dividends from the Great Corporation, wages, salaries and fees.

"Sixth: Make the improvident Negroes, unnaturalized residents and predatory Jews, wards of the Republic and their activities and social control a governmental responsibility; and at the same time free the North American Indians from such classification and accord them representation in the person of a Federal Cabinet official of Indian blood and Indian selection to administer their welfare.

"Seventh: Designate one "Beth-Haven" or City of the Jews in each State, as the only area in such State wherein Hebrews may reside or hold property or where their personal safety will be guaranteed by law; where they may return to productive labor by raising and manufacturing their own foodstuffs and other necessities, where they may have their own civic officers, worship God and treat with one another after the peculiarities of their conscience; but where they shall no longer interpenetrate the Gentile public, have trade or social relations with Christians or exert a derogatory influence on Gentile art, culture or economics.

"Eighth: Prohibit by statutory enactment any further mortgaging or foreclosing on private real estate, either farms or residential property, thus putting a man's home or farm forever beyond confiscation by banks or money-lenders, and insofar as is practically possible, restore to an impoverished citizenry such homesteads and farms as have been foreclosed upon or confiscated by great predatory moneyed interests since 1929; reimbursing present lawful holders of such property with dividend-paying Preferred Stock of the Great Corporation.

"Ninth: Assure to all trades and crafts the highest wages commensurate with the public welfare; requiring all union representatives to be working members of or elected from the crafts which they purport to represent and outlawing under criminal statutes the professional agitator and industrial disturber who now pretends

to conserve the interests of labor but actually operates to install Jewish Communism.

"Tenth: Embody in public school curriculums a simplified course in practical civics, acquainting the child-citizen, from his first day of attendance, with the sacred significance of government and social justice and with the menace of the non-assimilable alien and of the anti-social Jew; so that a respect for the Constitution, for the Flag, and for Gentile institutions generally, shall become a part of the instinctive thinking of our people.

"Eleventh: Make it an act of sedition against the public economic interest for any official of the Great Corporation or any private firm to acquire abroad for consumption in the home market, any consumable product which can be created by American labor from natural resources of the United States.

"Twelfth: The immediate seizing and holding in escrow of all assets of foreign nationals in the United States operating under governments which have neglected to compensate the American people for War Loans or Reparations made in good faith, either during or following the war, and the operating use of, or increments from the same, until such foreign governments shall have discharged in full their honest obligations to the Federal Treasury or other branch of American finance.

"Thirteenth: Inculcate in the Federal Government, the Christian Economic motif that Governments are brought into being to help and to serve the people of the nation, to render them maximum help consistent with the individual's self-respect in all walks of life, and that officials shall hereafter be selected for their outstanding abilities for the holding of public office instead of considering Public Office as a means to private profit.

"Fourteenth: Abolish the secret ballot, which is the unhallowed offspring of Economic or Financial Duress, and conduct all elections by means of the Postal System, under free frank; making voting as mandatory and impossible of chicane in all election returns as the present filing of Income Tax Returns on March 15th of each year, thus insuring honest election returns and the expressed voice of a whole people instead of the propaganda and intimidation of the present spoils system."

WILLIAM H. CASHETT furnished several other pieces of literature put out by the Pelley Publishing Company and advised that he would endeavor to obtain at least two other copies of the various pieces of literature obtained to date in order that the Bureau's

request for three copies may be complied with. He further advised that several of the girls named above as being employed at the headquarters of the Pelley Publishing Company reside at the home of Mrs. Salmon on Arco Road. He further stated that as soon as the Pelley Publishing Company is set up in their new headquarters in Biltmore there will be a gradual exodus of the entire staff which will take up new living quarters at that place. He states that it will probably be around the middle of March before the entire change of headquarters and staff is completed. When questioned concerning the financial backing which enabled Pelley to make this change, he stated that Pelley spent considerable time at the home of Dr. John R. Brinkley at his home in San Juan, Texas, last summer and fall and that he believed that a check of Brinkley's accounts would disclose that he had contributed most of the money required to purchase the new headquarters at Biltmore. It is noted at this time that in the above referred-to article "Scourge of Cords" dated January, 1938, there was information to the effect that Dr. Brinkley was a native of North Carolina, and had at one time attended a local academy with Roy Zackary and that they have been very good friends ever since.

In this same pamphlet, above referred to, there was information indicating that Christmas presents and donations had been received at headquarters from various posts throughout the country, making particular reference to particular posts at Portland, Oregon, Oakland, California; Atlanta, Georgia; Belmont, Mass.; Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio, and Colorado Springs, Colorado. This would indicate that at least there were active Silvershirt posts at the above named places at the beginning of 1938.

Additional lists of names and addresses of persons known to have communicated with William Dudley Pelley or the Pelley Publishing Company at Asheville, have been received from confidential informant at Charleston, South Carolina. Copies of these lists are being made and will be submitted to the Bureau in triplicate.

It is noted that the issue of "LIFE" magazine dated March 6, 1939, contains an article which gives brief character sketches of some of the leaders of various radical organizations, including William Dudley Pelley, Chief of the Silvershirts. Two copies were secured, one of which is being submitted to the Bureau herewith.



ENCLOSURES:-TO BUREAU -- 1 copy "LIFE" dated 3/6/39.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

\* ALL OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS REPORT, WHO HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, WILL CHECK THEIR FILES ON SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, AND FURNISH THE BUREAU AND THE CHARLOTTE FIELD DIVISION WITH ANY INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY AS TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL SET-UP IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS, REGARDING THE VARIOUS POSTS, MEMBERS AND ACTIVITIES OF THIS ORGANIZATION.

THE BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL OUTSTANDING LEADS BE COVERED IMMEDIATELY.

\* THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION, at Los Angeles, California, will endeavor to ascertain the connection of MARY I. STEWART, who is reported to stop at the Rosslyn Hotel when spending the winter in Los Angeles, with the Silver Shirt Legion of America, and the Mexican Revolutionist, PABLO L. DELGADO.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION will note information contained on page 11 of reference report concerning activities of one VIRGIL HAYES, former U. S. Marine. Will ascertain, through the Intelligence Department of the U. S. Marine Corps at San Diego, California, the facts concerning Hayes' joining the Silvershirt organization and his present location if known. If located in the Los Angeles Division territory he should be interviewed fully concerning his knowledge of instant organization under investigation.

\* THE MIAMI DIVISION, at Miami, Florida, will contact VERNON HAWTHORNE, State Attorney, in reference to information furnished by him to the Honorable MARCUS ERWIN, United States Attorney, at Asheville, North Carolina, on December 21, 1933, regarding the activities of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY in the Silver Shirt Organization in the vicinity of Miami. Will attempt to obtain information from him regarding the present activities of this organization.

\* THE NEW YORK DIVISION, at Germantown, New York, will endeavor to ascertain whether or not the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., has an active post in that city.

THE NEW YORK DIVISION, at New York City, will conduct discreet inquiry in an effort to ascertain who GEORGE B. FISHER is, his financial worth and if possible what connection or interest he may have in the Silver Shirt organization of which WILLIAM D. PELLEY is Chief. GEORGE B. FISHER recently sent Pelley a check for \$2,000.00 and is check #507, dated February 6, 1939, drawn on the HANOVER BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Chrysler Building, Lexington Avenue at 43rd Street.

\* THE BUFFALO DIVISION, at Yorkville, New York, will endeavor to ascertain whether or not the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., has an active Post in that city.

\* THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will refer particularly to their file 65-1, concerning information obtained regarding the organizational set-up of the Silver Shirt Legion of America at Oklahoma City, and will endeavor to ascertain whether or not this organization is still active at that place.

\* THE SEATTLE DIVISION, at Olympia, Washington, will endeavor to obtain information through the Washington State Police regarding the identity of a Major of the Army Medical Corps who is reported to act as their physician. Will ascertain whether this individual has any connection with the Silver Shirts of America. It should be noted that information has been received that this physician's son has acted as body guard for WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLE, Chief of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, inc.

\* Will conduct general investigation of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., and their activities in the State of Washington, in view of the fact that information has been received that this organization is particularly strong in that section of the country, and further because it has been reported that the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc., had a state ticket in the field at the last general election held in the State of Washington, and are reported to have assisted the Washington State Police in quelling certain strike disorders in the coastal cities in the State of Washington.

\* THE BOSTON DIVISION, at Williamstown, Mass., will at Hancock Road, interview CLYDE GOODELL for additional information in connection with CARL PRESCOTT, who furnished his address as New York City, and is supposedly a member of the Silver Shirt Organization.

\* THE DETROIT DIVISION, at Caseville, Michigan, will endeavor to ascertain the connection of MARY I. STEWART with the Silver Shirt Legion of America, and with PABLO L. DELGADO, Mexican Revolutionist.

\* THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, will contact MISS CARROLL COSTELLO, care WILLIAM T. COUCH, Regional Director, Federal Writers' Project, University Press, and obtain from her all information in her possession regarding the ac-

tivities of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLE, and the Silver Shirt Legion of America. This lead should be held in abeyance until a later date.

\* Will continue inquiries to develop LEONARD J. POOLE, who resides near the home of W. D. PELLE at 20 Sylvan Avenue, at Asheville, North Carolina, with a view to developing POOLE into a contact who could furnish information regarding the activities of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLE.

\* At Asheville, North Carolina, will conduct a discreet interview with STEVE CREASMAN, Jr., Radio Repair Department, Sears-Roebuck Company and obtain any information in his possession regarding the activities of WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLE and the Silver Shirt Legion of America, Inc.

\* Will report the results of the mail cover placed on the Pelley organization at the post office in Asheville.

\* Will re-contact Mr. J. H. JONES, Manager of the Railway Express Agency, for any information he may be able to obtain in connection with the express package sent out by the Pelley Publishing Company.

\* Will conduct such other investigation as may appear necessary in order to develop more complete information requested in reference letter from the Bureau.

At Hendersonville, North Carolina, will reinterview Chief Otis Powers for any information which he might ascertain as a result of his investigation.

Will interview REV. BROADUS WALL for any information he might have regarding F. W. SUMNER.

At Asheville, North Carolina, will ascertain from Mr. CHIOTT, who represents the Carolina Realty Corporation, and the Essex Investment Company, full details concerning the purchase of the Biltmore-Oteen bank building by William Dudley Pelley, either for himself or for any of the companies or organizations he may represent.

PENDING