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SUBJECT: FRANK SINATRA

Los Angeles file: 9-5949

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Richard H. Sheehan, Jr.

August 30, 1976

Mr. Milton Rudin Rudin, Mendelson & Perlstein 9601 Wilshire Blvd. Beverly Hills, California 90210

Dear Mickey:

Enclosed is the letter to Frank Sinatra which I spoke to you about this afternoon.

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advised me that he has not had the document dusted for fingerprints because he assumed that a number of people in our mail room and/of the control of people in our mail it, but if you wish to pass it on to the Bureau we will, of course, be glad to cooperate in any way we can.

Cordially,

Richard H. Sheehan, Jr. Secretary and Corporate Counsel

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September 16, 1976

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11000 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, Calif. 90024

Dear

Pursuant to our telephone conversation today, enclosed herewith please find the covering letter from Richard Sheehan of Caesars Palace and the attachment referred to in his letter.

 $$\operatorname{Mr}$$. Rudin thought you might want to be aware of another "strange" letter.

Very truly yours,

HELEN MONTROSE,

Secretary to Milton A. Rudin.

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11000 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90024 September 20, 1976

Mr. Milton A. Rudin Rudin & Perlstein 9601 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 526 Beverly Hills, California 90210

Dear Mr. Rudin:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 16, 1976, which enclosed a letter from Caesars Palace and an attachment.

As you know, this office has undertaken an investigation into this matter.

Thank you for making this information available.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. GEBHARDT Assistant Director in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Los Angeles, California September 21, 1976

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; FRANK SINATRA - VICTIM

During August 1976, the Los Angeles Office of the FBI received information concerning a threatening communication directed to Frank Sinatra at Palm Springs, California. The envelope, which was postmarked at (?) shing, New York, on July 29, 1976, contained a typewritten letter, which advised Sinatra in part that he should arrange a press conference and denounce Spiro Agnew. The unknown author of the letter stated that Sinatra's eyes would be put out by the use of African blowing tubes.

On August 9, 1976, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Earl E. Boyd, Los Angeles, California, stated that the wording, as stated in the letter addressed to Sinatra, constituted a technical violation of the Extortion Statute and that Boyd would consider prosecution of the writer if identified.

By a letter dated September 16, 1976, from Helen Montrose, Secretary to Attorney for Frank Sinatra, Milton A. Rudin, 9601 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 526, Beverly Hills, California, Montrose forwarded a letter dated August 30, 1976, from Richard H. Sheehan for Secretary and Corporate Counsel, Ceasar's World, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada, which letter had as enclosures an envelope postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, PM 20 August 1976, addressed to "Ceasar's Palabe, Strip on the, Las Vegas, Nev." and letter addressed to Frank Sinatra.

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The letter read as follows:

"Frank Sinatra:

Judge Markoviz and Korshak plus Levi and Kissinger are planning to get rid of you as they feel you know to much abourt their throwing over the U. S. government - and they are afraid you are going to talk. Be careful this will be in your injection, food, or medicine. Good luck....."

On September 20, 1976, Special Agent U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles, was advised of the above. On August 20, 1976, and September 20, 1976, Sergeant, Indio Substation, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, was advised of the letters received by Sinatra. 9-5949

September 21, 1976

Director United States Secret Service Department of the Treasury Washington, D. C. 20223

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

RE:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT: FRANK SINATRA -

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1.	Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2.	Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3.	Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4.	Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5.	Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6.	Defector from U.S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. [Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.
Pho	tograph has been furnished enclosed is not available.
	Very truly yours,
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-5949)

DATE:

FROM :

ADIC, NEW YORK (9-7352) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

UNSUB; FRANK SINATRA-VICTIM EXTORTION (00: LA)

RelAairtel to Bureau, dated 8/9/76.

On 8/18/76, a review of the Zip Code Directory for the City of NY, determined that the Flushing Post Office District is the only District in NYC ending in the letters "shing".

on the same date, a review of the NYO indices determined that in August and had requested to speak to an agent. When it was determined that Miss STONE's complaint did not concern a violation of Federal Law, she was excorted from the NYO. At that time, advised that she was employed as a Singer.

On 9/14/76, investigation at Queens Village, NY, determined that lives at that address. Attempts to contact the owner of the building were negative.

On 10/6/76, Queens Village, NY, advised that he would have to search his records to determine if he had a forwarding address for

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

576 On October 20, 1976, said that he had no boo forwarding address for

In view of the fact that there are 18 with first names starting with the initial, in the Borough of Oueens alone, NY will made no further attempts to identify in the absence of further identifying data.

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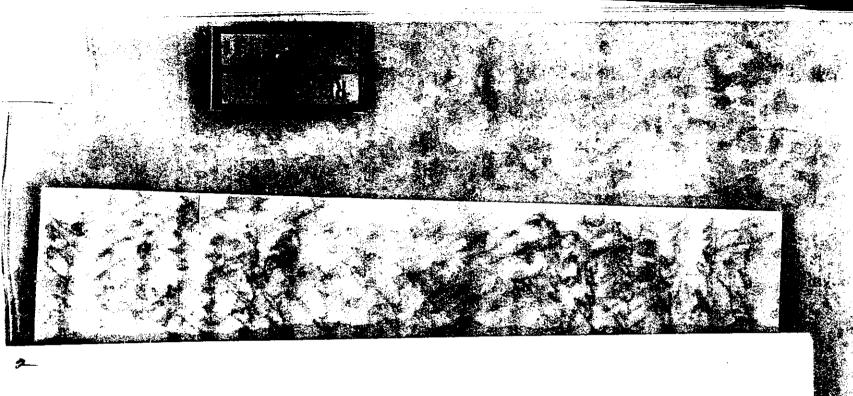
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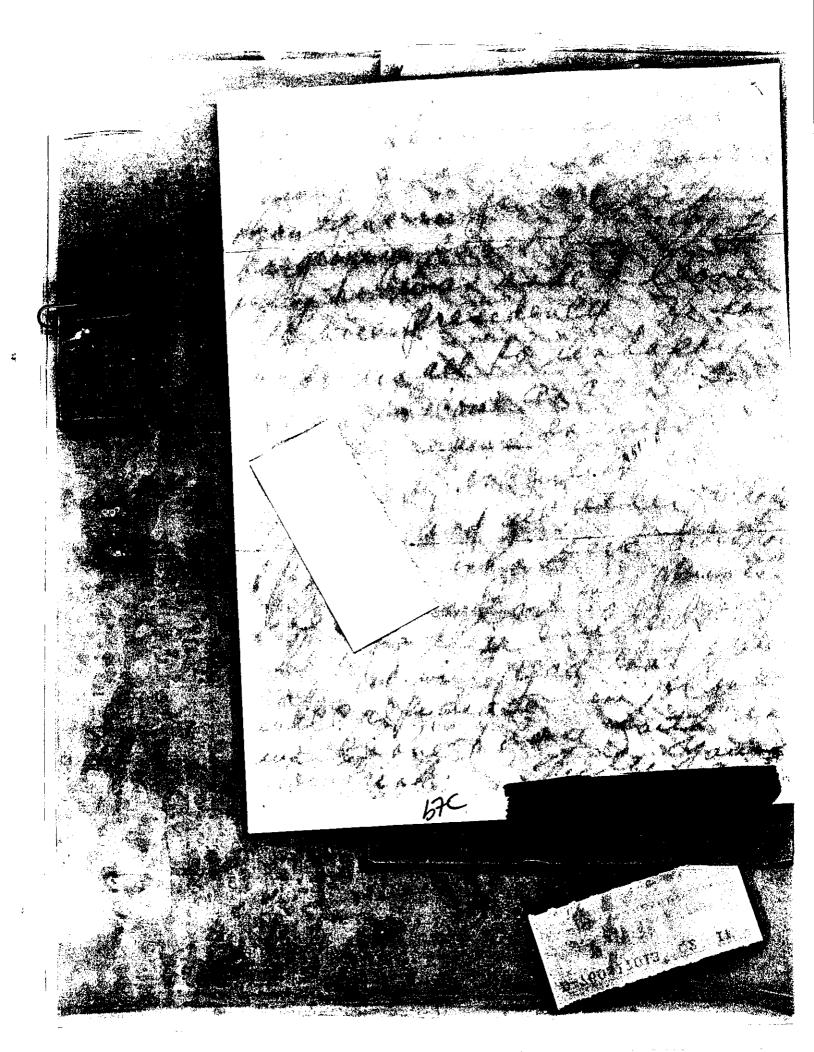
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The Escalating Assault on America's Jews

Teams from Saudi Arabia, most of whom were trained at prestigious American universities, recently criss-crossed the country meeting with American businessmen and repeating one basic message:

There is money to be made in our country. We want to do business with Americans, but we Saudis are funny people. We like to do business in a 'friendly climate,' but the 'climate' in your country is not very friendly at the present time."

ADL's National Director of Research and Evaluation Jerome H. Bakst painted this picture for 550 persons in attendance (our largest ever) at the ADL Annual Meeting, Sunday, June 6th.

ADL's Southern Area Director Arthur N. Teitelbaum detailed how the efforts of the Arabs are impacting on Jews in the South.

National Commissioner Maxwell f. Greenberg introduced our honoree film director Arthur Hiller, who discussed the tremendous responsibility which film makers bear because of the emotional impact of motion pictures - a responsibility not always properly apprecrated by those who decide what is filmed and shown to mass audiences

Two young women Barbara Karz and Sherri Wiener, will carry forth the names of Milton A. Senn and Jack Y. Berman as they prepare for careers in the field of intergroup relations at the School of Jewish Communal Service of the Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles

They were the first recipients of \$500 Memorial Tellowships presented by National Commissioners 1. Leo Gordon and Moe Kudler



Maxwell E. Greenberg, Arthur Hiller and Harry J. Keaton



J. Leo Gordon, Harry J. Keaton, Barbara Karz, Dr. Rosa Kaplan and Moe Kudler

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The Nazis Depart From El Monte

After ten years of ups and downs in El Monte, the Nazi Party placed its twostory frame house up for sale

Rumor has it that they would like to settle in Pasadena where they hope to exploit some of the campus problems stemming from the court order desegregating the schools by busing students

As we go to press, their next location is a secret tightly guarded by local fuehrer Martin Kerr.

Mike Wallace and Syria's Jews

The Arabs liked the Mike Wallace "60 Minutes" (CBS-TV) feature on Syrian Jews so much that they published an illustrated booklet based on it and are distributing it at the San Francisco Arab Information Center. (You will recall ADL National protested the program's lack of objectivity.)

All The President's Men — December 5th

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN will be featured at the ADL Appeal Dinner-Dance December 5th

Thanks to Wildwood Enterprises and Warner Brothers, this critically acclaimed film will provide the theme around which this year's event will be built, according to Mrs. Bruce I. (Harriet) Hochman, Dinner Chairman.

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN a reality, Robert

Redford has been invited

to receive the Anti-Defa-

mation League's Torch of



Robert Redford

Liberty Award. Thanks to this dramatic

film, millions of Americans have a better understanding of that which took place at a very critical time in our nation's history.



Harriet Hochman

In addition, we are hopeful that some of the people who played key roles in exposing Watergate will be in attendance.

Sunday evening, December 5th is the date; and the Century Plaza Hotel is

Because of the great interest already expressed by all who have heard about this year's program, we confidently expect to surpass last year's record-breaking attendance of 1500.

Mark December 5th on your calendar and tell your friends to keep that Sunday evening clear.

Spiro Agnew — The New Darling

of the Hate Press

As was to be expected, the new hero of the professional bigots is none other than Spiro Agnew.

Thanks to his attacks on Zionists and Jews, Mrs. Gerald L.K. Smith twice paid tribute to the disgraced former vicepresident in letters sent to Christian Nationalist Crusade supporters

Not to be outdone, the Thunderbolt (published by the Georgia-based para-military National States Rights Party) devoted the entire center spread of its June tabloid to L'affaire Agnew.

The issue gained meteoric nationwide attention when Agnew promoted his first novel, "The Canfield Decision" on television talk shows and in press inter-. The novel's villains are lews, views. liberals and the media



Test Yourself

Are the following statements true or false?

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1.	Adolescents show less prejudice than adults		
2.	Contact with other races or religions lessens prejudice		
3.	Black students show more anti-Semitism than non-Jewish whites		
4.	Teenagers display less prejudice toward other teenagers than toward adults		

The correct answers are on the other side. Please don't peek.

Keeping Us Busy

- After much investigation, comparing notes with law enforcement agencies, and speaking with people knowledgeable in such matters, we are satisfied that the recent rash of cross burnings in Southern California was the work of unconnected and unorganized individuals (many of whom are teen-agers)
- When we learned that local Arab groups violated the spirit of the Los Angeles International Heritage Festival by distributing anti-Israel propaganda, we wrote to Mayor Tom Bradley and he promised that guidelines would be established to insure that this does not happen again.
- KNBC-TV's SATURDAY Show (Ch. 4), hosted by David Ochoa, devoted a special eight minute segment to the local implications of our Adolescent Prejudice Study. Adolescent Prejudice Study. ... Featured were Los Angeres Ginned School District Associate Superintendent, Dr. Harry Handler (a member of our Board), and ADL Western Education Director, Dr. Eleanor
- Kits of ADL materials and position papers were sent to 200 members of the very important Legal Compliance Committee of the California State Department of Education as they began their work on social studies textbook selection. . . . This is part of our ongoing effort to insure inclusion of accurate information about Jews, the Holocaust and the Middle East in the books chosen for student use
- "Give Christ a chance everyone is a sinner Christ loves all of VOU

This was part of the presentation of an "Athletes in Action" speaker at a student assembly at Santa Ana High School. . . . A letter of protest went

- When we learned that the prestigious California Curriculum Forum planned to hold a Conference on the last days of Sukkot (October 15-16), we called this to their attention . The Conference was rescheduled for the following week
- During the hectic months of May and June, we distributed 26,000 ADL Memo and Date Books (filled with programmatic materials and suggestions) to school administrators and teachers in our region. . . very attractive and popular calendars generate a tremendous number of orders for films and publications during the school year. This activity is underwritten by B'nai B'rith Lodges, B'nai B'rith Women Chapters and by several firms operated by Regional Board members.

What Are You? — A Step Backward

On Thursday, June 17, we met with representatives of the California Fair Employment Practices Commission and the Los Angeles City Personnel Department to discuss the question about race, etc., which appears on the city's employment application form

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Representing ADL were Regional Board President Harry J. Keaton, ADL National Commissioner Joshua Kheel, Western States Counsel David A Lehrer, and Regional Director Harvey B. Schechter.

Convened by the FEPC, the meeting grew out of our challenge of the city's practice of asking job applicants to provide it with information about race, ethnicity, etc

(At issue is the statutory requirement that inquiries about race, etc., be purely voluntary and the information recorded on a tear-off section separated from the application form.)

When we learned that FEPC had granted the city an exemption from the law, we questionned FEPC's legal authority to grant such exemptions. . . . Admitting they had no such authority, FEPC is now moving to correct a situation they never should have permitted in the first place.

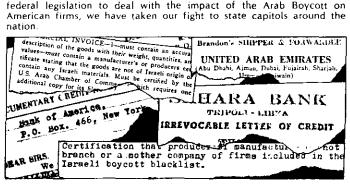
Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty . . . even among friends

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGIONAL BOARD Harry J. Keaton, President Vice Presidents Frieda Lowitz
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Fighting the A. Boycott — California Style

Since the U.S. Government has successfully frustrated the enactment of federal legislation to deal with the impact of the Arab Boycott on



In California, Regional Board member Assemblyman Howard Berman introduced AB 3080 to prohibit secondary and tertiary boycotts against firms that deal with Israel

Following a landslide 64-0 vote in the California Assembly, the bill was sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee where it passed by a 6-0 margin.

Appearing for us in Sacramento was ADL National Commissioner Burton S. Levinson who also presented to the Committee a supporting statement from City National Bank Board Chairman Bram Goldsmith. . . . We are grateful to Los Angeles CRC Acting Director Murray Wood for obtaining the bank's declaration.

When the California Legislature returns to Sacramento in August, the full Senate will consider the bill. ... Letters to all State Senators are needed NOW.... Please write.

The Black Panther Party Lives — In Print

While there is not much evidence of Black Panther Party community activity, they do manage to publish a weekly 28 page tabloid with a minimum of advertising ... thus raising interesting questions about financial

Most recently former Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver was denounced by the BPP because of his attacks on Cuba. Algeria, Arab racism and Marxist totalitarianism.

Said the Panthers, "Cleaver stands in ideological opposition to the Black Panther Party because we support the struggles of the Arab peo-

ple, especially the struggie of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization ..."

Operation Outreach

Five thousand ministers in our region received a special mailing from our office informing them about our services, films and publications

With the covering letter signed by Mrs. Frieda Lowitz and Rabbi Paul Dubin, Co-Chairpersons of our Regional Interreligious Committee, we sent along a copy of "Jews, Judaism and the Jewish-Christian Encounter" and a return reply postal card offering "Face To Face," our Interreligious Quarterly.

Calling All Program Chairpersons

Stumped for a program for your club or organization? Call or write for our handsome new audio visual catalogue. . . . If you can't find a suitable program for your group in our catalogue, it probably doesn't exist. . . (This message is also meant for those who belong to community organizations but who may not hold the title of "Program Chairperson." Why not point your "leader" in our direction?

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Would you like to travel to Israel fo

citing days with ADL's National

As is traditional, ADL's Sixty-Third Annual Meeting will commence in an American city - New York - at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, beginning

At the suggestion of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, ADL's 1976 Commission Meeting will break with tradition and will also be held in Israel - at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel, November 16-22.

The agenda for the seven-day session in Israel will focus on the Arab Boycott, Arab Propaganda, Israel's Image, the American Jewish Community's Relationship with Israel, Israeli Arabs, the Administered Territories, various Internal Israeli Problems, and Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and other

The price of this historic program is \$750 (departure from New York City). . . . Call us for further details.

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We know about Holmes & Narver because we filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against this Anaheim (Calif.) firm . . alleging that it discriminated when it terminated a Jewish employee during the period it was negotiating a contract with the Saudis

Fishing for Jewish Souls

Bovard Auditorium on the USC campus was the site of the 3rd Annual National Gathering of Messianic Jews for three days in mid-June

Billed as "Shechinah '76" (Spirit of God), cleverly designed deceptive brochures were widely distributed to attract young Jews to what blush - appeared to be a Jewish happening rather than an attempt to convert Jewish youth to Christianity.

Adorned with the picture of an attractive young woman holding her outstretched arms high over a lighted Menorah, the brochure offered "worship dancing warm fellowship and kosher food."

res, said the brochure, "Gentiles with a Jewish heart are most certainly invited. The majority of those attending will be Jewish believers, but we'd love you to join us. You'll have a great time

Questions have been put to USC President Dr. John Hubbard about the propriety of feasing Bovard Auditorium and dorms for such a dishonestly advertised venture especially when one considers the excellent relationship that exists between USC and the Jewish Community via the Hebrew Union College

KKKK

No, it's not a typographical error. ... The letters KKKK stand for Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the up-and-coming Klan organization of David Duke.

Drawing on California talent, the KKKK appointed Anaheim's Jerry Dutton Grand Wizard of the KKKK

Dutton is the second Southern Californian to move to the South in search of more fertile soil . . . James K. Warner, Klan Information Director, left our region many months ago

In an effort to create the impression of significant Klan activity in Southern California, the June issue of the KKKK Crusader (their monthly tabloid) reported "close cooperation between Revs. Tom Metzger (San Diego) and Rick Norton (Alta

Loma) of the Christian Crusaders with the Klan.

News From National

- tter from ADL National Chairman Seymour Grau- In response to raid Ford said that Spiro Agnew's comments about bard, Presiden. are wrong, both substantively and morally." ... The lews: President said further that they were "an unsavory footnote to a chapter in our history that would best remain closed."
- "Masada" (12 minutes/color/cleared for TV) and "Hebrew Script" (24 minutes/color/cleared for TV) are two new films available at our office thanks to an exclusive arrangement between ADL and the Israel Film Service making us the sole distributor of their films in the United

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH

HEBREW SCRIPT

- With the impending establishment of an office in Bonn, the PLO will have offices in the following cities: Paris, Vienna, Stockholm, Ankara, Cyprus, Geneva, Budapest, Bucharest and Sophia. . . . In addition, they have a representative in the Madrid Arab League office as well as pending requests to establish offices in London and Rome.
- Landmark rulings and awards totalling \$10,500 were handed down following ADL's complaint on behalf of two young Jews against the American Bureau of Shipping which — in compliance with Arab Boycott demands — refused to hire these two job applicants.
- According to Parade Magazine (June 20), former Californian Frederick G. Dutton receives \$100,000 a year from the Government of Saudi Arabia to represent their interests. . . . A former member of the University of California Board of Regents, Dutton was one of the principal political advisers of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.
- To make certain that there is compliance with the Final Act of the socalled Helsinki Accords . . . which for the first time in an international document includes human rights on an equal footing with the traditional subjects of war and trade ... ADL's European Affairs Department established liaison with the monitoring committees in France, Great Britain, Belgium, Switzerland and the Netherlands

This is of special interest to the Jewish Community because of its application to the questions about Jews in the USSR and Roumania.

Our National Discriminations Department raised serious questions about a proposed memorandum on university and college student admissions soon to be issued by the US Department of Health, Education and Welfare

While opposing quotas, the draft memo strongly favored ethnic preferential treatment.

We argued that if HEW recommends a modification of admission standards, such changes should be applied to all disadvantaged applicants be they the children of refugees from totalitarian regimes, southern Appalachian whites, etc.

Travelling the Service Club Circuit

Having carefully trained a core of speakers, we placed an ad in the "Exchange Bulletin" informing hundreds of Service Club program chairmen that we have speakers available to present programs on: Israel, Prejudice & Discrimination, The Arab Boycott, Extremism, etc. . . . The first ad produced several requests for speakers.

Staffed by Regional Community Consultant Harold Eagle, our Speaker's Bureau needs more persons to handle the increased demand being made upon us by the total community. Interested in joining this very important and gratifying activity? Call us.

Quiz Answers

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All of the statements are false. . . . How did you do? Copies of "Adolescent Prejudice" are still available at our office. . . . \$5.95 per copy.



The Views of Five Presidents

"I am aware of...the efforts by your organization to foster an understanding of democratic rights and responsibilities. Your definition of America's democratic legacy is admirable. It is indeed a force in the hearts and minds of the American people."

HARRY S. TRUMAN

"Your good work...has brought strength to the national community. By educating our citizens to overcome the evils of prejudice...nurturing the roots of freedom, you have helped to make our land a better place to live in. America continues to need your efforts."

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

"Your organization...should itself be receiving an honor for distinguished contributions to the enrichment of America's democratic legacy. Your tireless pursuit of equality of treatment for all Americans has made a lasting and substantial contribution to our democracy."

JOHN F. KENNEDY

"You have the gratitude of this nation. In your half-century of fighting discrimination you have never tired, you have never faltered, you have never lost faith in your cause, and your cause has given faith to the nation... Wherever your torches burn, tolerance, decency and charity have been illuminated. Bigots and bias hide whenever you come into view. But you are much more than anti-prejudice. You are pro-justice and you are pro-freedom."

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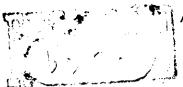
"I welcome this opportunity to express again my very genuine admiration for the work of your organization. In all your activities you display compassion and a constructive concern for the well-being of the less fortunate. I applaud your many worthwhile programs that have earned you the esteem and gratitude of so many men and women."

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ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

OF B'NAI B'RITH

315 Lexington Avenue New York, N.Y. 10016

MEMORANDUM FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To:

ADL Regional Offices

From:

Date:

May 26, 1976

Subject: Spiro T. Agnew

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Former Vice-President Spiro Agnew, in an interview on the Today show carried over the NBC network on May 11, relieved himself of some deplorable statements about alleged "Zionist influences in America". He was invited to the program to promote his novel, "The Canfield Decision" which has been received rather poorly, both as a literary work and as an anti-Jewish statement.

Immediately following that telecast the Anti-Defamation League issued a public statement charging that the remarks made by the ex-Vice President were shocking and deplorable. We said:

"The irresponsible anti-Semitic statements maligning American Jews and the American press made by Spiro Agnew this morning on the Today Show are shocking and deplorable and further discredit him. His parroting of the Arab propaganda line comes as no surprise in light of his activities in behalf of Arab petrodollar countries seeking to invest in the United States. The American public will reject this bigotry from a former public official who resigned in disgrace."

The former Vice-President has now amplified and expanded his views about Jews and Israel in an interview by Washington Star staff writer William Delaney, published in the May 23 The Washington Star and carried as a news story in the national media.

Clearly, Agnew's remarks are vulgarly anti-Jewish and include the hoary canards about Jewish control of the media. He imitates the gutter hate press of America by actually identifying certain media figures by name in an effort to prove his nonsense that the Jews control the news media.

To get the full flavor of this bigot's remarks, we enclose a copy of The Washington Star interview. Note that Agnew singles out the "B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League" for speaking out "at the first breath of anything that is legitimate criticism even, of the Jewish community, it's always bigotry."

Obviously, ADL views the Agnew attack upon it as a compliment, considering the source. ADL's public reaction to the interview was verbalized as follows:

"For the third time in a matter of weeks, the disgraced Spiro Agnew, a convicted felon, has engaged in classical anti-Semitism of the Nazi variety. It is quite apparent that Agnew's business affiliations with the Arabs have led him to become a propagandist of the most evil kind."

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We think that Americans everywhere, surely including non-Jews, should speak out against this un-American campaign. If the Delaney interview or a report about it appeared in any paper in your area, you are free to select either or both of the above ADL statements and release them in an appropriate local ADL leader's name. If it suits, you might want to do this in the form of a letter to the editor. There's no need to make reference to the Agnew book itself by name or otherwise. His comments are enough.

For those who haven't seen it, I also enclose a copy of an article by William Safire about Agnew carried in the New York Times of May 24. Safire, is of course, a former top aide to ex-President Nixon and as he writes, a former friend of the former Vice-President.

We have not been able to verify widespread reports that Mr. Agnew is a representative of either some Arab government or major Arab business organizations. He is not registered in Washington, D.C. as a foreign agent, and we would guess that he would not have failed to do so, if he were acting in that capacity. Of course, it is nevertheless possible that he had acted as a middle-man, commission salesman or some such thing in business deals between the Arabs and American companies, receiving his fees, commissions or whatever from the American end of the contract. In that case, he'd be an agent of the American outfit and would not be required to register as an agent of a foreign principal.

Attached is a memorandum summarizing the plot of the Agnew novel and offering excerpts from some reviews, including the N.Y. Times review of May 25, 1976 by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt.

AF:hg Enclosures

The Washington Star

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Q and A

Politics

Spiro T. Agnew, who would have been president today had he not resign? ed as vice president in 1973 after pleading no contest to a federal charge of tax evasion, is promoting his first about a fictional vice president of the United States. He was interviewed by Washington Star Staff Writer William Delaney.

Question: In the past your and a hall; haven't there been odd moments when you've seen President Ford on television or picked up the papers and thought, 'My God,' that so easily could have been me?"

Agnew: Not so much in the past year and a half but originally, of course, immediately after Mr. Ford became President. I guess anyone under these circumstances may have had that thought.

Q: Would you like to be where "Ford is today?

A: I have mixed feelings about it. Of course, anyone who has ever been in political life has to be interested in being in a position of national leadership. That's the plus side. The minus side is that you forfeit just about all of your private life. You spend literally hours doing things that are expected of a person in public office that maybe to you don't seem nearly . as productive or important as doing other things that you could be doing. Now I can govern my own day, my own schedule a lot better than I could when I was in public life.

Q: In your book, as apparently in your own experience, the juices of outrage seem to run over most deeply with what you refer to as the 'national invoact media.' which at one point

A: I don't think that's a fair intimation. What you're referring to is Agnew Talks that I mentioned at this particular that proportion held. I think that's probably high. I that I mentioned at this particular wouldn't say the national impact Of Jews and media is 85 percent Jewish. But there are people in very great positions of in the national impact influence in the national impact media. Far out of proportion to the number of Jewish people in the country. In other words, you might say 50 percent might be a pretty good figure among the ownership and the managing policy posts.

> Q: You're including non-Jewish media owners — the Allbrittons, the Pattersons, the Hearsts, the Scripps-Howards and Knights and

> A: I don't call all those people national impact media. Let's first define what I mean. The three networks, the two wire services, the two pollsters and their organizations, the New York Times and the Washington Post and their overseas edition, the International Herald Tribune. And the news weeklies, Time and Newsweek, and I think . . .

Q: Time? Jewish?

A: I'm now defining. I'm not saying all these are Jewish. This is what I call the high impact media. And when you look around, all. you have to do is check the real policy-makers and owners in that area and you find a much higher concentration of Jewish people than you're going to find in the population. For example, CBS, Mr. Paley's Jewish. And this is not said in a defamatory way. Mr. Julian Goodman, who runs NBC, there's a Mr. Leonard Gold-ABC. enson at Graham of the Washington Post, Mr. Sulzburger of the New York Times, you go down the line in that fashant inct with number.

ship, but go down to the managing posts and the discretionary posts, you'll find that through their brightness and their agressivetheir ness and inventiveness — these are all terms I'm lauding them for - they have worked their way up. Not only in the media, in academic communities, the financial communities, in the foundations, in all sorts of highly visible and influential services that involve the public: to have a tremendous voice. Now the reason I brought this out was I said how can these people be totally objective where Israel is concerned? I'm not talking about Israel as a religious entity; I'm talking about it as a nation with which we have to deal in the sense of the regional problems that are happening there.

Q: By pointing this out what do you hope to tainly there was no busines: achieve?

the United States' policy is East trip I did so because affected to a great deal by felt the policy was so une the influence in the Court ven. I went to Kuwait and gress of these people. Our policy in the Middle East in did not go to Israel. Just be my judgment is disastrous cause I felt everybody was because it's not even hand, running to Israel, all the ed and it's not consistent so ed and it's not consistent so, Congress, everybody in that the rest of the world sight and I didn't feel that can believe us; the same was right. I still have a lo kind of criteria do not apply to Southeast Asia as are applied to Israel. I see no reason why nearly half of all the foreign aid this nation has to give goes to Israel, except for the influence of this Zionist lobby. And the strange thing about it is many influential Jewish people are getting very, very upset with that. The Times carried an article to their credit - pointing out the number of Jewish leaders who are disturbed about the fact that Israel

imperialisitic exercise occupying Arab lands, the West Bank of the Jordan the Golan Heights, the Gaza Strip, bringing about a police state in these areas, at tacking the civil population certainly in response to provocations. But what's the difference between what the Arab kids were doing in the Jordanian town and what our kids did ir Chicago?

Naturally, sinc you've begun saying this some have concluded that you're an anti-Semite Others who have known you for years say that's abso lutely ridiculous, but can' quite figure your motive un less it has to do with busi ness, with wanting to woo potential clients amon; Arabs.

A: That's been an accu sation that's made, but the transparent fault with tha thesis is when I was in of fice, when it wasn't obvi ously to my advantage to say these things and cer association with the Arabs A: I hope to point out that view. When I did my Middle went to Saudi Arabia and running to Israel, all the of Jewish friends, the sam amount I've always had Some of them are upse about what I'm saying and say, 'Look, the trouble wit' the American-Jewish con munity is it is ultra-sens tive and you've just got t get over that.' I didn't hea any yells and screams whe people were calling long be fore their indictment Halde man and Ehrlichman th Germans. Yet, B'nai B'rit Anti-Defamation League : the first breath of anythin that is legitimate criticisn has now embarked on an even of the Jewish cor

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SPIRO AGNEW 'Mixed feelings'

Q: As vice president for 4½ years, what do you consider to have been your chief legacy to American political life?

A: I suppose what I said. and the points of view that weren't entirely popular at the time, articulated what I believed were the inherent feelings of millions of Americans. I think, for example, what I said about the TV networks had a salutary effect on the way they function, the growth of oped pages in newspapers has been attributed partly to some of the things I said in pointing out that advocacy reporting was really not fairly presenting all points of view at that time. May I digress here to tell you that The Star, before the present publisher acquired it, committed what I thought was a grievous injustice to me while I was still in office prior to my resignation. In reporting over headlines for couple weeks at a time that some fellow who was cooperating with the prosecutors and who was subsequently sentenced, named Joel Kline, had funneled \$100,000 to me. I remember a couple of headlines to that effect. And this kept being written over and over again as though Joel Kline had transferred money to me. I've never met Joel Kline, I've never talked to Joel Kline even on the telephone. No money or anything of value has ever passed between us.

- Q: On one of these programs, you were asked if you had it all to do over again would you go into politics, and you said no.
- A: That's my present reaction. Of course, I just think that political people are sitting ducks for any kind of exploitation by anyone with other interests that comes along. Part of this comes out of the non-disclosure of sources by reporters who publish accusatory remarks of other people, and I know it's a difficult problem, it's not a simple one, of when to protect sources and when not to. But the temptation of people with political aspirations of their own or hopes for other people they know to create trouble for other people in political life through whispering something to a reporter, some accusation and then not ever being called upon to substantiate it, is a very bad situation.
- Q: What about Nixon now? Is he the victim of a bum rap?
- A: I've said I wasn't going to talk about President Nixon because I mentioned, and you may have read, I'm going to begin work on the memoirs late this year, probably December, and I want to cover that whole story in the one book.
- Q: On the Dinah Shore show, you were asked about Nixon and gave a similar answer, but then you added, 'Had I know then what I found out later, my course of action might have been different.'
- A: Again, that's about as far as I'm willing to go in defining that. It will be totally covered when I write that

- Q: You may not have re signed had you known...
- A: I'm not going to say anything more beyond that.
- Q: Have you, as a politician, done anything of which you are ashamed?
- A: I sure can answer that: No, I have not. I've done things that I don't think were very smart. In other words I think that the carelessness with which political fund-raising moneys were handled. Looking into the future, if I'd recognized what was coming it would have been done differently. I wouldn't have let some fund-raising chairman say, 'Hey, you've got to see old Joe because unless he knows this money is for your campaign, he's not going to give it to me.' I wouldn't even have seen the man under the circumstances.
- Q: What about your former colleagues? Do you ever talk on the phone with Nixon or Jerry Ford?
- A: I've tried to stay away from political Washington, even the people I know well and knew socially because I don't want the fact that I am talking to them in any way to be used to inflame people who are dead-set against me and believe I did commit very, very serious crimes. I don't want this to react against them. They still have to stand for elections.
- Q: Did you vote in the Maryland primary?
- A: No, I didn't. I was ha! prepared to make an issue over whether I should be able to vote or whether shouldn't. There's some doubt, based on the facthat as a result of my nole plea I was found guilty of a single count of tax evasion Whether this allows me to vote until the period of unsupervised probation ex pires in October. But any how, I didn't want to make any issue of that, so I just let it go. But I expect to be - I'm still very interested in what's going on.

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Spiro Agnew and the Jews

WASHINGTON — The santificated lobby has a new champion: my old friend and former colleague, novelist Spiro T. Agnew. Up to now the antifiscal lobby was made up of these dissimilar elements.

Hawkish columnists and longtime Arabists at the State Department who honestly believe that support of Israel undermines our influence in the oilstrategic Arab world and thus is against America's self-interest;

Dovish writers and longtime liberals, including many Jews, who are uncomfortable with positions of solidarity and strength, and who urge the beleaguered is all to adopt appeasement under the labels of "accommodation," "flexibility," and "risks for peace";

GA Secretary of State and his sycophants who grind out propagands on background to chastize final as "intransigent" for not giving up its security to make a quicklizer look like a peacemaker.

The usual assortment of anti-Semites, envices of the status exrued by many individual lews, who share one conviction: that the Jews control and manipulate America, and are the secret cause of most other people's individual failures.

To the head of this powerful and disparate coaglomeration rides. Ted Agnew, plugging his novel on media that wants to give him access so as to prove his accusations of one-sidedness are wrong. His message: Jews in the media make up a "Ziopist lobby" leading us to disaster in the Mideast.

As one who wrote many of Mr. Agnew's speeches in the 1370 campaign; as one who attacked his prosecution-by-leak in 1973, going out on a limb in this newspaper even as be was sawing that limb off with his "nolo" plea; and as a Jew in the

ESSAY

By William Safire

media today, let me offer some sad reflections.

The Ted Agnew of 1970 was neither anti-Zionist nor anti-Semitic. On the contrary, like most Nixon men, he shared an admiration for the patriotism and courage of the Israelis—"moxie," it was then called in the Cabinet room—and throughout his political career, many of his associates and staff members were Jews.

Nor was he anti-intellectual, as many liberals tried to picture him. His blasts against permissiveness elitism, quotas, and bureaucratic intrusion into individual lives has been reduced to alogans and adopted by most candidates today. With Agnew labored over those speeches, pouring more thought and work into them than most fuzzy studio speakers do today.

What turned him around—business associations with the Arab world? I doubt that. Former Agnew staffers tell me his anti-Semitic cracks first began when the Jewish businessmen he had known in Baltimore County sought immunity by turning state's evidence against him. He became embittered at a handful of Jews, which might wall have turned him against Jews in general.

This new prejudice fitted neatly into an old and fruitful hatred: the media. Mouth-filling diatribes against the press (no, I didn't write those) were what made him fampis; now he has a fresh angle, a newsworthy slant. Not only was the media too powerful, as he has long said, but it is Jewish-dominated. That's how novels are publicized, and disgraced politicians are able to get off the defensive.

Shrewdly, he points out that his as-

sertion that Jews dominate the media and the media dominates America will get him labeled a bigot, while he is only trying to be constructive. The man who twitted liberals for antimerit affirmative action quotas in 1970 now warns of a group whose influence is "far out of proportion" to its numbers.

Hating individual Jews does not make you a bigot. Being anti-Israel does not make you a bigot. But undertaking a crusade to permade the American people that they are being brainwashed and manipulated by a cabal of Jews who sit astride most of the channels of communication, and thereby encouraging an irrational hatred of Jews—that makes you a bigot.

The growing anti-Israel lobby, most of which is not bigoted, may be embarrassed by its new cheerleader. But it will find him an articulate spokesman, with an angry following ready to join the cause for all the wrong reasons.

The tragedy of Agnew is that he had the talent and the opportunity to lead those angry people, along with a great many others who felt powerless and unfepresented, toward a satisfying respect for law and tradition, toward greater self-reliance and more personal freedom, and toward a new sense of pride and affirmation in international affairs.

Instead, as he has confessed, he cheated on his taxes. It wasn't the "national-impact media" or any Zionist conspiracy that brought him down: it was only the law.

That is why it saddens old friends to see the former Vice President on television these days reduced to the bitterness of bigoted backbiting. Frustrated and vengeful, he has become what we all once took some joy in deriding: a nattering nabob of negativism.

"THE CANFIELD DECISION"

"The Canfield Decision" is a novel by former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew which concerns itself with "political intrigue, sexual dalliance and high drama . . . in the power cities of the world among men and women who vie for the tangible rewards and hidden spoils of high office." The book is published by Playboy Press, the book publishing division of Playboy Enterprises, Inc., of Chicago, Ill., and distributed by Simon & Schuster, Inc., of New York (344 pps., \$8.95).

"The Canfield Decision" is set in 1983. Its central character is

Porter Canfield, 48, a member of a wealthy and prominent Philadelphia Main

Line family and "darling of the Eastern Establishment" who is Vice President
in the lame duck administration of President Walter Hurley. Canfield, a

"ruthlessly ambitious" man, seizes on the unrest and exasperation at home
and the storm clouds gathering over the Middle East to seek the Presidency.

His first move for recognition is to establish his independence from the
incumbent President.

Canfield sets his plan in motion with a speech concerning arms to Israel. Contradicting official foreign policy and splitting with the President's views, Canfield publicly advocates that the United States supply Israel with intermediate-range nuclear ballistic missiles. Although this proves to be a popular position, Canfield's speech touches off a series of dramatic events, international intrigue, danger and passion that nearly culminates in World War III.

Canfield's maneuverings play into the hands of various nationalistic groups, including militant Zionists, terrorists, and some people who are not what they seem to be, who combine "to plot the destruction of American

foreign policy." His struggle for political power is further complicated by his love affair with the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Meredith Lord, and by his high-level adviser's affair with an Iranian secret agent, as well as the machinations of the Persian Protective League and the activities of Yorman Halevy, head of a militant Zionist group which operates from above a delicatessen in Williamsburg.

In the end, however, it is Canfield's arrogance and pride that cause moral blind spots which bring about his downfall, the result, in part, of his dealings with pro-Israeli zealots. The evil pretagonist of the story, though, turns out to be a South Yemen agent for the Communist Chinese.

Newsweek magazine of May 24, 1976 characterized Agnew's novel as "a pulpy thriller offering an intriguing view of the Washington power game, some locker-room sex, graphic violence — and what will seem to some readers a whiff of anti-Semitism." Time magazine described the book's plot as "complicated, although not intricate." And a review of the book in the Newark Star-Ledger of May 16, 1976 charged that "what mars 'The Canfield Decision' are the author's attitudes. The book is anti-press, anti-Semitic, anti-woman and anti-black."

The anti-Semitic aspect of Agnew's novel was seized upon by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt in his "Books of The Times" column in the New York <u>Times</u> of May 25, 1976. Lehmann-Haupt stated that Agnew's "potboiler" was

"... based on the inflammatory premise that 'American Jews exert an influence on American opinion that is far heavier than their numbers would indicate. They are the strongest single influence in the big media -- the media with worldwide impact. They control much of the financial community. Therefore, they heavily affect, through propaganda, the majority of the Congress. Oh, they scream anti-Semitism whenever anyone mentions this power, but it's true.'"

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words in the novel, "so one can't quite 'scream anti-Semitism' at the author, even though the plot of 'The Canfield Decision' bears the terrorist out." The New York <u>Times</u> book reviewer added that the story was "overdetailed, the dialogue overexplicit, the characters overcliched, and the work left to the reader's imagination overlooked," and that, as a result, the story tended to disappear from sight -- "everything, that is, except his (Agnew's) theory about overinfluential Jews."

Martin Levine, in his column, "The Book Shelf," in the Newark Star-Ledger of May 16, in which he termed Agnew's book "anti-press" and "anti-Semitic," also pointed out what he viewed as examples of the former Vice President-turned-author's bias against the media and Jews. He charged:

"In the first chapter alone, a steward guesses that he'll 'never learn to move fast enough to run booze to those newsies'; a secret serviceman muses about the unfounded accusations of 'advocacy journalism'; crowd estimates are said to vary according to 'the way the reporter (feels) about Vice President Canfield'; television cameramen are described as looking for 'open-mouth mastication or an errant dribble of gravy down a distinguished chin'; Canfield grumbles inwardly about 'editorialists, columnists and other foreign policy amateurs,' and, after a particularly 'insolent' question, he neatly upbraids the reporters traveling with him and smiles to himself as he walks away.

"The narrator also noted that 'at the press table . . . less than 15 per cent was not Jewish.' Later, in terms strikingly reminiscent of those used by a U.S. general a few years ago, the leading Persian-protector explains that 'American Jews . . . are the strongest single influence in the big media,' besides controlling 'much of the financial community, and through it, large segments of the academic community.' Key people in the press (and therefore the Jews) are shown secretly coordinating policies."

According to Newsweek magazine, Playboy Press has already taken 37,000 orders on an advance printing of 50,000 copies of "The Canfield Decision" and put aside 25,000 more copies for its book club. The director of Playboy Press' book division has been quoted as saying that the book could earn its author "half a million dollars."

Spiro Agnew's novel, "The Canfield Decision," contains numerous stereo-typical references to American Jews and to Israel, and, as such, is a source of concern. While these statements are expressed by various characters in the story, they nevertheless appear to reflect the feelings of the book's author -- feelings which, for the most part, evidence hostility to Jews and Jewish concerns. Indeed, most of the comments are deprecatory and derogatory. Jews are said to exert influence on American opinion, to control the financial community and the academic community, to understand the "power of money", to be "pushy", to be ultrasensitive to persecution, to be liberals, and to have been against the war in Southeast Asia.

The book also contains a derogatory reference to the ADL. "The Anti-Defamation League goes berserk at the slightest criticism of Jews," one character in the novel declares.

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Advise and Fictionalize

By CHRISTOPHER LEHMANN-HAUPT

THE COMPANY. By John D. Ehrlichman. 313 pages, Simon & Schuster, \$8.95.
THE CANFIELD DECISION. By Spiro T. Agnew. 344 pages, Playboy Press, \$8.95.

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Besides heing a slickly plotted, fast-paced, all-around professional job of novel-writing, "The Company" by John D. Ehrlichman, the former assistant to the President for comettic affairs, his feet things in particular going for it. First, the a noman a cleft that is, a novel in which the characters seen to resemble certain actual people and he especially clever one at that, because not only do the characters wear sandwich boards that make them as easily identifiable all people in a Jacqueline Susant story, but they also bear little labels that give you the feeling you are being let in on a second by the who knows. For instance, president region who has its his own intelligence team to plug up Waite. House leaks has the health of siamening the telephone receiver into its cradic as hard as he can whenever he finishes a hard as he can whenever he finishes a conversation. "For years this unintended punctuation had brought him some subjective affirmation of his superiority over those mechanical and technical empires which he neither controlled nor under-stood." I don't know whether this detail is based on anything actual or not, but it sure sounds plausible enough.

A Substance of Reality

So it doesn't matter that Mr. Ehrlichman's characters have silly political-novel names such as William Archer Curry (a wealthy young President who was killed while still in office), or Eaker Scott Anderson (Curry's Vice President and successor, a former power in the Senate), or Dr. Karl Tessler (Richard Monckton's assistant for national security affairs; out of Harvard). They could be called Bushy, Bagot and Green, and they'd still assume a substance of reality uncommon to most novels of

Second, Mr. Eintichman sucks in the reader and sets up his expectations in a way that he especially consists. The mainspring of his novel's plot in a Cantral distelligence Agency director, Richard Mortin, who is tighte to cover up a dirty little errand he can for President Curry in aborting "the Rio de Muerte Operation" (an amphibious military landing in the Caribbean thigh failed disastrously for reasons not known to the public). Curry's successor, Papellent Anderson, or E.S.A., as he is commonly called, has used this dirty little errand of public that it compromise the "company" independence from the Oval Office, So halfway through "The Company" you are certain that what Mr. Ehrlichman is about to demonstrate is that while President Monckton may have played a dirty trick by two on the United States Constitution he was forced to do h by the fact that Md preseccesors played even dirtier ones.

But that not the point at all. The point, as it turns out, is not that Curry Anderson were just as bad as Monckton,

but that Monckton is just as bad as Curry and Anderson—only dumber. And funnier too. Whether we're witnessing Monckton slamming down the phone receiver after a conversation with his mother; or Monckton on the eve of his election saying to his chief of staff, Frank Flaherty, "By God, Prank, that's the first time anyone has called me Mr. President. You may want to make some little note of that the question may come up later. The press likes to know those little things. Pootnotes to history."; or Lars Haglund, White House operative, opening up a box of cuff links he has just received from Monckton ("I have these specially made up for my visitors, you know: But you don't have to worry—they know: But you don't have to worryare worth less than ten dollars, so you don't have to declare them"), only to find the box empty—we have to laugh at Mr. Ehrlichman's wickedness.

I'm sorry, too. I'm no more an admirerof the author than you are, in case you. happen not to be one of his most fervent admirers, But let's face it: He has written an extremely entertaining book, and no one, not even the Federal Court of Appeals, can take that away from him.

Inflammatory Potboiler

It's a whole lot easier to distike Spiro T. Agnew's novel, "The Canfield Decision," about a Vice President who tries to jump on American exasteration with detente to bounce his way to the Presidency. For one thing, Mr. Agnew's potboiler is based on the inflammatory premise that "American Jews exert an influence on American opinion that is far heavier than their numbers would indicate. They are the strongest single influence in the big media—the media with worldwide impact. They control much of the financial community. Therefore, they heavily affect, through propaganda, the majority of the Congress. Oh. they scream anti-Semitism whenever anyone mentions this power, but it's true."
(Of course, it's an Iranian terrorist who utters these words in the novel, so one can't quite "scream anti-Semitism" at the author, even though the plot of "The Canfield Decision" bears the terrorist out.)

Worse, at least from an artistic point of view, the story is overdetailed, the dialogue overexplicit, the characters overcliched, and the work left to the reader's imagination overlooked. Indeed, where most writers trying to construct a plausible story experience the sensation of sawing away at uneven table legs until there is nothing left but slab, Mr. Agnew appears to have gone about his carpentry by adding on to the legs until whatever it was he was try ing to support has disappeared from sight—everything, that is, except his theory about overinfluential Jews.

But one positive thing you can say for "The Canfield Decision"; Despite all the speculation to the contrary, Mr. Agnew appears to have written it all by himself. In fact, it is an insult to the writing profession to suggest that anyone was paid in the perpetrate this bilge.

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		(return to Palm Springs after performance)
Mon.	30	OFF
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Wed. SEPT.	1 .	F.S. to Las Vegas @ Caesar's Palace til Sept. 8th (tele.#702-734-7110) Rehearsals - Caesar's Palace
Thurs.	2	OPEN CAESAR'S PALACE (1-week engagement) (2 shows nightly)
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Fri.	10	OPEN HARRAH'S (1-week engagement- 2 shows nightly) (with John Denver 10th, 11th & 12th)
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Thurs.	16	CLOSE HARRAH'S (return to Palm Springs after closing show)
Fri.	17	OFF
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Sun.	19	JOHN TUNNEY DEFICIT BENEFIT - Universal Amphitheatr Universal City
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Fri. SEPT.	24	OPEN WESTCHESTER PREMIER THEATER (9-day engagement Fri. 9/24 7:30 & 11:00 pm Sat. 9/25 7:30 & 11:00 pm Sun. 9/26 7:30 pm Mon. 9/27 8:30 pm Tues. 9/28 8:30 pm Wed. 9/29 8:30 pm Thurs. 9/30 8:30 pm Fri. 10/1 7:30 & 11:00 pm Sat. 10/2 7:30 & 11:00 pm
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Fri.	8	BUFFALO, N.Y Civic Stadium performance
Sat.	9	BINGHAMTON, N.Y Broome County Arena performance
Sun.	10	PITTSBURGH, PA Civic Arena performance
Mon.	11	OFF - New York
Tues.	12	OFF - New York
Wed.	13	PROVIDENCE, R.I Civic Center performance
Thurs.	14	NEW HAVEN, CONN Veterans Memorial Coliseum performance
Fri.	15	MONTREAL, CAN The Forum performance
Sat.	16	SYRACUSE, N.Y War Memorial Auditorium performar (after show FS,etal fly to Wash.D.C. stay @ Madison Hotel til 10/20 or 10/21 - #202-785-1000
Sun.	17	OFF - Washington, D.C.

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Mon. OCT.	18	OFF - Washington, D.C.
Tues.	19	NORFOLK, VA Scope Convention Center performa
Wed.	20	RICHMOND, VA Coliseum performance
Thurs.	21	MURFREESBORO, TENN Mid Tennessee Studen Center performar
Fri.	22	BIRMINGHAM, ALA Coliseum performance
Sat.	23	ATLANTA, GA The Omni performance
		(return to Palm Springs after performance)
Sun.	24	OFF
Mon.	25	OFF
Tues.	26	OFF
Wed.	27	OFF
Thurs.	28	OFF
Fri.	29	OFF
Sat.	30	OFF
Sun.	31 -	OFF
Mon. NOV.	1	OFF
Tues.	2	OFF
Wed.	3	OFF
Thurs.	4	OFF
Fri.	5	OFF
Sat.	6	TV Show honoring JOHN WAYNE - taping @ ABC (Paul Keyes-Producer)
Sun.	7 -	OFF (Paul Reyes-Ploducel)
Mon.	8	OFF
Tues.	9	OFF
Wed.	10	OFF
Thurs.	11	OFF
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Jat.	13	OFF
Sun.	14 (??)	HEBREW UNIV. DINNER - F.S. RECEIVE THE SCOPUS AWARD
Mon.	15	OFF (Gregor Piatigorsky presenter)
	TENTATI	VE NOVEMBER TOUR (to be confirmed)
Tues.	16	JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
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SINATRA ENGAGEMENTS CALENDAR

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DAY	DATE	CITY	PERFORMANCE	HOTEL
Fri.	8/20	Palm Springs to Vancouver	Rehearsals	Bayshore Inn
Sat.	8/21	Vancouver, Canada After performance fly to New	EXHIBITION PARK YORK	Waldorf Astoria
Sun.	8/22	OFF		Waldorf Astoria
Mon.	8/23	New York - 2:00 to 6:00 P.M. Rehearsals NBC Hall #8H	•	Waldorf Astoria
ſues.	8/24	Saratoga, New York Performance 8:15 P.M.	PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	Waldorf Astoria
Wed.	8/25	Holmdel, New Jersey	GARDEN STATE ARTS CENTER	Waldorf Astoria
Th.	8/26	Holmdel, New Jersey	GARDEN STATE ARTS CENTER	Waldorf Astoria
Fri.	8/27	Clarkston, Mich.	PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE	Waldorf Asserie
Sat.	8/28	Clarkston, Mich.	PINE KNOB MUSIC THEATRE	- Welder toria
Sun.	8/29	Cincinnati, Ohio Performance 8:00 P.M. After performance fly to L ac	RIVERFRONT COLISEUM - Vogas Plu Cpuny	Caesars Palace
Mon.	8/30	Las Vegas, Nevada - OFF	•	Caesars Palace
Tues.	8/31	OFF		Caesars Palace
Wed.	9/1	OFF - TO Veron.		Caesars Palace
Th.	9/2	Las Vegas	CAESARS PALACE	Caesars Palace
Fri.	9/3	Las Vegas	CAESARS PALACE	Caesars Palace
Sat.	9/4	Las Vegas	CAESARS PALACE	Caesars Palace
Sun.	9/5	Las Vegas	CAESARS PALACE	Caesars Palace
Mon.	9/6	Las Vegas	CAESARS PALACE	Caesars Palace

DAY	DATE	CITY	PERFORMANCE	HOTEL
Tues.	9/7	Las Vegas	CAESARS PALACE	Caesars Palace
Wed.	9/8	Las Vegas After performance fly to Lake	CAESARS PALACE Tahoe	Harrah's
Th.	9/9	Lake Tahoe	Rehearsal	Harrah's
Fri.	9/10	Lake Tahoe	HARRAH'S w/ John Denver	Harrah's
Sat.	9/11	Lake Tahoe	HARRAH'S w/ John Denver	Harrah's
Sun.	9/12	Lake Tahoe	HARRAH'S w/ John Denver	Harrah's
.on.	9/13	Lake Tahoe	HARRAH S	Harrah's
Tues.	9/14	Lake Tahoe	HARRAH'S	Harrah's
Wed.	9/15	Lake Tahoe	HARRAH'S	Harrah's
Th.	9/16	Lake Tahoe After performance fly to Palm	HARRAH'S n Springs	
Fri.	9/17	OFF		
Sat.	9/18	OFF	^	
Sun.	9/19 🦖	OFF Tenney Benefit - Amp	hitteatre Unevoluty.	
Mon.	9/20	Los Angeles After appearance fly to New Y	FORUMTunney Benefit	Waldorf Astoria
Tues.	9/21	OFF		Waldorf Astoria
Wed.	9/22	New York	Rehearsal	Waldorf Astoria
Th.	9/23	New York	Rehearsal	Waldorf Astoria
Fri.	9/24	Tarrytown, New York Performance 7:30/11:00 PM	WESTCHESTER PREMIER THEATRE	Waldorf Astoria
Sat.	9/25	Tarrytown, New York Performance 7:30/11:00 PM	WESTCHESTER PREMIER THEATRE	Waldorf Astoria

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Şun.	9/26	Tarrytown, New York Performance 7:30 PM	WESTCHESTER PREMIER THEATRE	Waldorf Astoria
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Tues.	9/28	Tarrytown, New York Performance 8:30 PM	WESTCHESTER PREMIER THEATRE	Waldorf Astoria
Wed.	9/29	Tarrytown, New York Performance 8:30 PM	WESTCHESTER PREMIER THEATRE	Waldorf Astoria
Th.	9/30	Tarrytown, New York Performance 8:30 PM	WESTCHESTER PREMIER THEATRE	Waldorf Astoria
Fri.	10/1	Tarrytown, New York Performance 7:30/11:00 PM	WESTCHESTER PREMIER THEATRE	Waldorf Astoria
Sat.	10/2	Tarrytown, New York Performance 7:30/11:00 PM	WESTCHESTER PREMIER THEATRE	Waldorf Astoria
Sun.	10/3	OFF		Waldorf Astoria
Mon.	10/4	OFF		Waldorf Astoria
Tues.	10/5	OFF		Waldorf Astoria
Wed.	10/6	OFF		Waldorf Astoria
тh.	10/7	Hartford, Connecticut	CIVIC CENTER	Waldorf Astoria
Fri.	10/8	Buffalo, New York	CIVIC STADIUM	Waldorf Astoria
Sat.	10/9	Binghamton, New York	BROOME COUNTY ARENA	Waldorf Astoria
Sun.	10/10	Pittsburgh, Penn.	CIVIC ARENA	Waldorf Astoria
Mon.	10/11	OFF		Waldorf Astoria
Tues.	10/12	OFF		Waldorf Astoria
Wed.	10/13	Providence, Rhode Island	CIVIC CENTER	Waldorf Astoria
Th.	10/14	New Haven, Conn.	VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM	Waldorf Astoria

DAY	DATE	CITY	PERFORMANCE	HOTEL
Fri.	10/15	Montreal	THE FORUM	Waldorf Astoria
Sat.	10/16	Syracuse, New York After performance fly to Wash D.C. (arrive late)	ington,	Madison Hotel
Sun.	10/17	OFF		Madison Hotel
Mon.	10/18	OFF		Madison Hotel
Tues.	10/19	Norfolk, Virginia	SCOPE	Madison Hotel
Wed.	10/20	Richmond, Virginia	COLISEUM	Madison Hotel
Th.	10/21	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	MID TENNESSEE STUDENT CENTER	
Fri.	10/22	Birmingham, Alabama	COLISEUM	
Sat.	10/23	Atlanta, Georgia	THE OMNI	

Nothing booked for the period 10/24 to 11/15 except Hebrew University dinner at which FS is to receive the Scopus Award, now set for 11/14.

Within 7 to 10 days, we will firm on a short November tour. The following dates have been tentatively set:

ies.	11/16	Jacksonville, Fla.	CIVIC AUDITORIUM
Wed.	11/17	OFF	`
Th.	11/18	Lakeland, Fla.	CIVIC CENTER
Fri.	11/19	Miami, Fla.	JAI A'LAI
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