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THE CASE OF "COUNT" ANASTASE VONSIATSKY

May 16, 1942

Dislosures of international significance are likely to come out of the Federal Grand Jury probe into the activities of Anastase A. Vonsiatksy, which is now taking place in Hartford, Connecticut, under the guidance of Thomas J. Dodd, special assistant to the Attorney General.

For years Anastase Vonsiatksy, head of the Russian National Fascist Revolutionary Party and until recently editor of The Fascist, has been weaving a net of international intrigue from his estate near the little town of Thompson, Connecticut. Himself an agent of the German and Japanese High Commands and a ringleader of the fascist White Russian fifth column in America, Vonsiatksy has been conspiring not only to overthrow the Government of the Soviet Union but also to bring about a fascist coup in the United States. Working closely with key representatives of Germany and Japan, he has helped smuggle spies, saboteurs, and terrorists into Russia, whose duties have included assassinating Soviet leaders. During the last ten years, he has frequently visited Berlin, Rome and Tokyo. He ran arms to Franco-Spain to aid the Axis-inspired uprising in that country, he aided in the organization of a fascist White Russian Army on Japanese soil which is now awaiting orders from Tokyo to launch an attack against the Soviet Union. On his Connecticut estate, he maintained an elaborate arsenal of rifles, machine guns, tear gas equipment, etc., and he trained score of uniformed swastika-wearing young men in preparation for the day when Fascism would come to America.

For carrying on his multifarious plotting, the former Czarist officer had at his disposal the immense fortune of his wife, née Marion Ream, who inherited a one-seventh share of the $40,000,000 Ream estate in Chicago. The American heiress and the penniless Russian emigré met in Paris in 1921, and were married shortly afterwards. At the time he was twenty-three and she was forty-five.

Vonsiatksy Exposed in The Hour in 1939

On July 30, 1939, The Hour carried an article, entitled "Fritz Kuhn's Week-END Host Participated In Murders," which exposed Vonsiatksy's fifth column activities in the United States. Our report also brought to light a confession he had written many years before, describing a series of torture-murders in which he had participated. We urged in this article, and in subsequent reports, that the U.S. authorities conduct a thorough investigation of Vonsiatksy.

When the Federal Grand Jury hearings started this week in Hartford, one of the first witnesses to be summoned was The Hour reporter who assisted in preparing our articles on Vonsiatksy.

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DETROIT FIFTH COLUMNIST REPRINTS ENDORSEMENT BY SENATOR REYNOLDS

Current Issue of Smith's Cross and Flag Also Announces Smith's Candidacy for U. S. Senate

The May issue of The Cross and The Flag, the seditious magazine being published in Detroit by Gerald L. K. Smith, ex-Silver Shirter No. 3223, devotes its entire back page to a promotional article based on an endorsement received from Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina (see The Hour for April 18 and May 2). At the top of the page are several lines of bold type reading, "United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, said, when interviewed by the Associated Press concerning THE CROSS AND THE FLAG: ..." The item then proceeds to quote Senator Reynolds' statement endorsing Smith's seditious sheet which, in the Senator's words, stands "for the things I have stood for for many years." The article also quotes from a personal letter received by Smith from Reynolds, congratulating the Detroit fifth columnist on the first edition of The Cross and The Flag. Smith proudly remarks, "This is merely one of the thousands of testimonials that have come in, favorable to this crusading, patriotic journal."

Emboldened by the support he is receiving from congressmen such as Senator Reynolds, Gerald L. K. Smith strikes out with increasing venom against the Administration in his current issue. In his characteristic demagogic style, he attacks the "bureaucrats and politicians" in Washington for their supposedly incompetent prosecution of the war. The temporary setbacks suffered by the U. S. armed forces in the Pacific are pictured by Smith as "bloody circumstances" brought about by "boondoggling bureaucrats and racketeers in Washington, who not only should be fired but should be locked in jail for the duration." The Government investigation of Father Coughlin's pro-Nazi activities is represented as a "communist" plot to persecute the Royal Oak priest. Two pages are given over to reprinting an attack by Congressman Martin Dies on Vice-President Henry Wallace.

Some individuals, however, come in for hearty praise in the latest issue of Smith's seditious journal. They are Charles A. Lindbergh, the Naziophile flyer who so energetically strove to prevent this country from being prepared to face the Axis onslaught; Father Charles E. Coughlin, until recently Goebbels' foremost U. S. spokesman; Father Edward Lodge Curran, eastern Fuehrer of the Christian Front; Elizabeth Dilling, notorious anti-Semitic propagandist; Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, Kansas pro-Axis agitator; Col. Robert McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune; Col. J. M. Patterson, publisher of the New York Daily News; Eleanor Patterson, publisher of the Washington Times-Herald; William Randolph Hearst; Congressman Martin Dies; and Senator Robert R. Reynolds. The traitor Smith, who once boasted to his jailbird boss Pelley of forming the first Silver Shirt stormtroop band in the United States, describes the above-mentioned individuals as "fearless Americans who have exposed the subterranean operations of the Red revolutionaries without mercy."

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Smith's Political Plans

The feature article in the current issue of The Cross and The Flag is entitled "My Hat's In the Ring." In it Smith announces he will be a candidate in Michigan this fall for election to the U. S. Senate. The sort of backing he hopes to get is obvious. "I will be supported by the old-fashioned, Christian, American people," he says. He makes an open bid for the support of Christian Front, German-American Bund elements by including this plank in his program:

"I shall defend the right of free speech and free press for Father Charles E. Coughlin. The treatment that this minister of Christ is receiving at the hands of the blood-thirsty Reds is unbelievable."

With the United States engaged in a life and death struggle against the Axis powers, the seditious, disruptive propagandizing of this 20th Century Benedict Arnold constitutes an ever-increasing danger to the American people. The Hour therefore urges that the Department of Justice immediately suppress The Cross and The Flag and conduct a thorough investigation of the treasonable activities of Gerald L. K. Smith, examining with particular care his ties with certain members of the Congress of the United States.

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DETOITTER CALLS FOR PRO-AXIS "PEACE"

Robert S. Aspinwall of Detroit, who describes himself as "President of The Lincoln Manufacturing Company -- Specialists in Fluorescent Lighting," is currently distributing seditious literature through the United States mails. This literature is in the form of a small, neatly printed pamphlet, entitled Our One Hope of Peace, which contains defeatist, pro-Axis propaganda.

Camouflaged as a pseudo-economic tract which presents the "solution" of the world's present problems, Aspinwall's booklet contains such spurious comments as the following:

"In the first world war we used a number of slogans to give popular expression to the object for which we were fighting. We were told this was 'The war to end wars' -- that we were fighting for 'The preservation of freedom and democracy.'"

"But to those of us who carefully study and analyze the situation there are many questions, many puzzling facts that do not seem to be clearly nor adequately explained by such simple and obvious reasons.

"Certainly we are called upon to defend ourselves against attack but on further reflection the people of the attacking nations are not a particularly warlike type."

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Why then, asks Aspinwall, is the United States fighting the Germans and the Japanese? Mainly, he answers, because this country's harsh economic measures against Berlin and Tokyo forced the war on these nations. The Detroit pamphleteer then reasons:

"Thus it seems that the United States through a lack of understanding and commonsense has been jockeyed into a position of fighting for a cause that is both unjust and detrimental to civilization ... Of course the nations in question [with which the U. S. is at war] have adopted a brutal and barbaric method of accomplishing their aims but there seemed to be no other way for them to achieve their desires, for the U. S. had made it definitely clear that every effort would be made to protect home industry. Further than that the United States in company with other nations made it clear that if any attempt was made by force to expand the sphere of influence of these [fascist] nations that every help short of war would be given to any nation on whom force was used, ... this war might be brought to a reasonable conclusion by acknowledging our error and by the promise of cooperation when their [the Axis'] goods are offered in payment for things they need." (Italics ours)

Times Advertises Aspinwall's Book

Interestingly enough, on April 26 and May 3 the New York Times carried advertisements for Aspinwall's pro-Axis booklet. Both advertisements, which were headed "Our One Hope of Peace," read as follows:

"This war is a struggle for the control of raw materials and the issue can never be settled by fighting. A lasting peace can be achieved by free trade — free trade not only between nations but between ourselves as well. Send ten cents for booklet, 'Our One Hope of Peace,' Robert S. Aspinwall, 2630 Erskine St., Detroit, Michigan."

It seems that the advertising department of the New York Times should exercise greater care in checking the sort of literature it promotes. Aspinwall's above characterization of this war as a "struggle for the control of raw materials ... which can never be settled by fighting" should alone have been sufficient to arouse the suspicions of any copy reader familiar with President Roosevelt's definition of this conflict as "A War of Survival."
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May 29, 1941

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Dear [Name]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated May 10, 1941, with enclosure, and to express my appreciation for your courtesy and interest in corresponding with me.

You may be assured that the content of your letter and of the enclosures has been carefully noted and included in the official files of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington D.C.

I am an American born Citizen, my Mother was a member of the  
D.A.R., I am not in favor of Colonel Lindberg's interference with our  
Federal Government.

I seem to be on the permanent mailing list of "American First  
Committee" and as you will note I have underscored on the green sheet that  
those following out these instructions, their petition will be reproduced  
600 times.

As a loyal American Citizen I feel it my duty to bring this to  
your attention and am enclosing the last literature mailed me.
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the following information was regarding a speech made by Senator Bennett C. Clark, on May 3, 1941, at the Arena, in St. Louis, Missouri. Charles Lindbergh was on the same program.

"Distortion in German Weekly of Senator Clark's reference to investigations by the FBI in his speech on the occasion of the America First Committee meeting on Saturday May 3, 1941, at the Arena, 5700 Oakland Avenue.

(German Weekly) Deutsche Wochenschrift, May 8, 1941, page 6.

Translation - Editorial

CONGRESS WAITS FOR THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri, who, together with Charles Lindbergh on Saturday at the America First mass meeting expressed himself against the participation of America in the war, appealed to the citizenry to write or wire now to their representatives in Congress that they should take a stand against the war, against convoys and against all measures that lead to war. 'The great majority of the people is against war and Congress has to follow this sentiment' quoting Clark.

According to his experiences on his speaking trip the great majority of the people, who are against the war policies, would write to their Congressmen, if they were not in fear that the FBI in consequence would investigate them. Senator Clark called that a false opinion and told those people as well as the audience that in such cases they should address themselves to him, and he would then investigate the FBI.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS CLASSIFIED DATE 6/6/41 BY [Redacted]
"Senator Clark was quoted incorrectly in the above article of the German Weekly.

"What he said in the course of his address concerning investigations by the FBI is quoted verbatim in the Globe Democrat of May 4, 1941, page 8 A, under headline "Lindbergh Warns Against War" as follows:

'In urging his hearers to write the President and Congressmen not to be led into permitting convoying, this final step into war, he charged some persons had been led to believe if they write the President their opinion they will be investigated by the FBI. That's poppycock. If you hear of any such thing, let me know and I'll have the FBI investigated.' "

Very truly yours,

G. B. Norris
Special Agent in Charge
JULY 4 1941

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

BURTON K. PRETTY CLEVER BOYS

WHEELER & LINDBERG —

MAKING WAR BY TALKING

AGAINST

THESE ARE SLICK,

MURDEROUS TRAITORS — NAZI

AGENTS MAYBE — OR SHOULD BE.

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Portland, Oregon

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Dear [Redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 3, 1941, together with its enclosure.

Your courtesy and interest in writing as you did are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Hon. Chief Edgar Hoover,  
Criminal Department,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith an article  
on a speech made in San Francisco by that henisradue  
Lindbergh I think such speeches are worse than the German  
spires. Consult Sec. of the Interior Ickeks and  
President Roosevelt.

In my opinion this Hirtler friend is doing much  
merm to unthinking Aritcals.

I admire the work you are doing as a true American

Sincerely yours,

Excuse errors just getting  
over a terrible accident to my spine

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Lindbergh Bitterly Attacks U.S. Alliance With Russia

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2 (AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh bitterly denounced Russia at an anti-war mass meeting Tuesday night and declared "I would a hundred times rather see my country ally herself with England, or even with Germany with all her faults, than with the cruelty, the godlessness, and the barbarism that exist in Soviet Russia."

"An alliance between the United States and Russia should be opposed by every American, by every Christian, and by every humanitarian in this country," Lindbergh said in an address prepared for delivery at a civic auditorium meeting sponsored by the America First committee.

Issue Becomes Confusing

Lindbergh's talk was broadcast over the National and Mutual networks.

"The longer the war in Europe continues, the more confused its issues become," Lindbergh said. "When it started, Germany and Russia were lined up against England and France. Now, less than two years later, we find Russia and England fighting France and Germany. "Winter before last, when Russia was fighting Finland, the interventionists demanded that we send all possible aid to Finland. Now, when Russia is fighting Finland again, they demand that we send all possible aid to Russia."

Ex-Enemies Now Allies

"The murderers and plunderers of yesterday are accepted as the valiant defenders of civilization today; and the valiant defenders of yesterday have become the wicked aggressors of today. Finland and France are now our enemies; Russia, our friend. We have been asked to defend the English way of life, and the Chinese way of life. We are now asked to defend the Russian way of life."

"Judging from Europe's record, if we enter this war, we can't be sure whether we will have Russia or Germany for a partner by the time we finish it. We don't even know whether we will end up with France or England on our side. It is quite possible that we would find ourselves alone fighting the entire world before it was over."

"The only sensible thing for us to do is to build an impregnable defense for America and keep this hemisphere at peace."
August 29, 1941

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

The America First Committee was incorporated under the
Corporation Laws of the State of Illinois on September 19, 1940.
The purposes of the committee as outlined in its charter are to
encourage and maintain in the United States of America

1. Peace and the Democratic ideal.
2. A program of adequate defense.
3. A furtherance of peace in this continent, a policy
   of non-intervention in the affairs of other continents
   and to encourage the giving of help to refugees and
   the needy in other lands insofar as such help does
   not endanger the peace in the United States.

The America First Committee has advertised itself as
being a non-partisan organization of loyal and patriotic men who
believe:

1. The United States must build an unbreakable national
defense.
2. No foreign power nor group of powers can ever success-
   fully invade a prepared America.
3. Our Government sending men of its own, ships, planes
   and materials of war to a belligerent overseas
   dangerously weakens our defense at home and threatens
   to involve America in war abroad.
4. American Democratic liberties can only be preserved
   by keeping out of foreign wars in Europe or in Asia.

The national headquarters of the America First Committee
is located at 1806 Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois. A
local headquarters is maintained in Washington, D.C., at 1010 Vermont
Avenue, N.W. There is a total of 586 local chapters and affiliated
units of the America First Committee throughout the United States.

The following is a list of the officers and Directors of
the America First Committee with the background as to each individual.
Acting Chairman - GENERAL ROBERT L. WOOD, 925 S. Woman Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; graduate of West Point and served many years as officer in the United States Army; presently Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sears Roebuck and Company.

National Director and Secretary - R. DOUGLAS STUART, JR., 111 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; graduate of Yale University and studied three years in the Yale Law School before terminating his study to become associated with the America First Committee; is the son of R. Douglas Stuart of the Quaker Oats Company.

Treasurer - J. STANFORD OTIS, Vice-President of the Central Republic Bank of Chicago.

Board of Directors

MANNIX MAC HIDER - Mason City, Iowa; presently a banker; former National Commander of the American Legion; former Assistant Secretary of War, 1923 to 1928; served with the United States Army in France during the World War and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on May 6, 1919; received Croix de Guerre - five citations; also connected with various civic organisations.

GENERAL THOMAS HARRISON - Retired United States Army Officer; president of Witing Corporation, manufacturers of cranes and foundry equipment, Harvey, Illinois; served with United States Army in World War; chairman of Republican Party in Illinois.

J. C. NOBLE - Formerly with George A. Hormel and Company, Packers, Austin, Minnesota.

CLAY JUDICE - Attorney, 125 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois; associated with the law firm of Wilson and Belville; former president of Chicago Council of Foreign Relations; member of Board of Trustees of United Charities, Chicago, and president of Board of Trustees, Frances Parker School, Chicago.

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which is a well-known private school.

In addition to the above officers, the following are members of the American First Committee:

**MELVIN JULIUS CARLISLE**-
Professor of University of Chicago; reported to be an international pacifist; has studied in Moscow, U.S.S.R.; considered an extreme liberal; was a lieutenant colonel in the Sanitary Corps, United States Army in 1917 and was with the American Expeditionary Force from March to September, 1919.

**WILLIAM A. CASTLE, JR.**-
Former assistant secretary of state; former ambassador to Japan.

**IRVING S. COBS**-
Nationally known speaker and author.

**JAMES A. KELLOGG**-
Active in cause of women's suffrage and politics; former member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee; was a member of the Women's National Liberty Loan Committee during the World War; has written several books.

**JOHN T. FLINT**-
Noted economist and writer; wrote "Country Squid in the White House."

**HENRY FORD**-
Automobile manufacturer.

**GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSTON**-
Nationally known retired Army officer.

**ALICE ROOSEVELT LODEN**-
Daughter of the late President Theodore Roosevelt.

**THOMAS M. MC CARTER**-
Attorney General of New Jersey, 1902 to 1907, which post he resigned to become president of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, which operates and controls nearly all of the gas, electric, and transportation utilities in New Jersey.
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CAPTAIN EDWARD ACKERBACHER—Nationally known aviation figure.

LOUIS J. TABET—Nationally known for his work in connection with agricultural developments.

DR. GEORGE H. WHIPPLE—Nationally known pathologist.

The following persons, who are nationally known, are also members of this Committee:

Mrs. Bennett Champ Clark
Bishop W. E. Haymaker
Kathryn Lewis
Sterling Morton
Edward L. Eyerson, Jr.
Mrs. Burton K. Wheeler.

The America First Committee is reported to be financed solely by voluntary contributions by those interested in the organization. The Committee conducted a radio broadcast on October 21, 1943, at which time the radio announcer requested his listeners to send anything from dimes to dollars to the America First Committee, Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois, and this same request was made following numerous other broadcasts.

The Committee has also issued a card called "America First Committee Contribution Card," bearing the following:

"I am convinced that we can preserve our American Democracy only by keeping out of foreign war. Therefore I am contributing $________ to support the work of the America First Committee."

On October 21, 1943, Bones Carter was sponsored in a transcription program of Station WMAQ, Chicago, Illinois, by the America First Committee. In this broadcast Carter explained that the Committee was dedicated to aid America first and later to aid Britain. Following the transcription, the announcer suggested that the listeners write their congressmen and senators demanding that they prevent the United States' intervention into the war and
that they arm America before aiding Britain and also requesting the audience to send in anything from dimes to dollars to the America First Committee, Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois.

A confidential informant stated that the America First Committee was started by General Wood in cooperation with the other members of the Committee and that although the Committee's viewpoints in connection with the United States' present policy in foreign affairs is different from that of the administration, he is of the opinion that the Committee originally had a few persons in it who were what he termed "left-wingers" and according to him are not to be considered Communist.

On December 18, 1940, the America First Committee sponsored a rally in Orchestra Hall, Chicago, Illinois, at which rally 3,500 persons attended and several thousand were turned away.

Information received from a confidential source, reveals that on January 16 the office of the America First Committee was opened on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and it was observed that the automobile of Dr. Georg Gyseling, German Consul was parked in front of the building during that day. The informant related that this car had never been seen there previously and has not been seen there since that time.

The America First Committee has published an enormous amount of propaganda literature concerning the aims of the Committee and has circulated this literature throughout the United States. The apparent object of the literature is to crystallize American opinion to prevent the entrance of the United States into European wars and to vilify the foreign affairs program of President Roosevelt. The numerous pamphlets published by the Committee state that 86% of the people of the United States are opposed to the United States intervening in foreign wars. These pamphlets fail to make any explanation as to how the figure of 86% was arrived at. This literature also makes an appeal to American mothers to aid the Committee for the purpose of preventing
their sons from being embroiled in another European war. The foreign
program of President Roosevelt is termed "the road to war" by the
literature emanating from this committee.

Friends of Democracy, Incorporated, L. M. Birkhead,
National Director, with National headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri,
published a pamphlet entitled "America First Committee, the Nazi
Transmission Belt." This pamphlet alleges the America First Committee
whether its members know it or not and whether they like it or not
is a Nazi front organization and is a transmission belt by means of
which the apostles of Nazism are spreading their anti-Democratic
ideas into millions of American homes. This pamphlet also charges
that Adolf Hitler and his disciples in the United States are using
the America First Committee to spread Fascist and Nazi propaganda.

Information has been received that the America First
Committee has caustically criticized the William Allen White Committee.
The America First Committee is reported as attempting to secure the
support of any and all organizations including the Coughlinite
Social Justice Group. The news vendors of Coughlin's Social Justice
in New York City appeared upon the streets displaying America First
Committee buttons. (100-4712-5X)
The financial support of the America First Committee seemingly evolves from voluntary contributions and in connection with the financing of this Committee attention is directed to the financial positions held by:

General Robert E. Wood
R. Douglas Stuart, Jr.
J. Sanford Otis
Sanford Mackider
General Thomas Hamond
J. C. Normal
Clay Judson
Mr. R. Castle
Henry Ford
Alice Roosevelt Longworth
Thomas E. Mc Carter

Information received from Edwin S. Webster, General Secretary of America First Committee, 49 East 59 Street, New York City discloses that a New York Chapter of this Committee has between 15,000 and 20,000 members. Webster claims that none but an American citizen can become a member of this Committee.
A leaflet distributed in February, 1942, by the German American National Alliance urged the recipient of the leaflet to write to two senators advocating the defeat of the Lend Lease Bill and to send financial contributions to the America First Committee. (61-10498-444)

On February 25, 1941, the Chicago Tribune carried an article relating that the America First Committee had assigned speakers to cover down-state communities in Illinois for the purpose of creating opposition to the Administration Bill. It was stated that Walter P. Boye who, during the summer of 1938, had toured the German Reich and who had returned to the United States with glowing accounts of Nazi accomplishments and praise of
Hitler's ideology was one of these speakers. It was indicated that
Boyle's line of argument in his speaking tour would take the form of
"placing such terrific power in the President's hands." (100-0-5003)

The Philadelphia Ledger for April 22, 1941, carried an
article stating that the National Legion of Mothers and Women of
America contemplated inviting women associated with the Kyffhäuser
Bund into its membership. Mrs. Edith Scott of Philadelphia, Penn-
sylvania whose organization is affiliated with the America First
Committee said the invitation was under consideration by her group.
(100-4712-A)

In the April 14, 1941 issue of the Staten Island Advance
an article appeared stating that Howard I. Jump, son of Mrs. Lila
Jump, head of the Staten Island unit of the America First Committee,
had failed to report for induction as ordered by the local draft
board and had been given a formal notice giving him five days in
which to change his mind. Jump, twice before, was refused defer-
ment by his local draft board; once on a medical deficiency claim
and again on an occupational claim. (100-4712-30X)

The News Letter of Los Angeles, California for April 9,
1941, carried an article concerning the America First Committee
meeting held at Los Angeles, California, which was addressed by
Mrs. Catherine Curtis and Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota.
This article related that Mrs. Curtis' experience in rebus reusing
is so comprehensive that she might easily qualify as "the top
notcher of the postcard platoon." It was she who founded the
Women's National Committee for Hands Off the Supreme Court." She also
was active in organizing the Women Investors in America, Incorporated,
which organizations make their headquarters at 635 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York. (100-4712-36)

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The Washington Times Herald for May 26, 1941, reported that the America First Committee worked with the Committee Against War and the Keep America Out of War Congress had made plans for a three-day rally commencing May 30, 1941. The two latter groups are reported to contain a number of Socialists in their ranks. (100-10689-1)

Information received on May 26, 1941, reveals that united German societies held a meeting at the New York Turn Hall at which time the meeting was addressed by Dr. Fleischman, a member of the America First Committee. (61-9879-268)

The activity of the America First Committee reached its peak during the period when it exerted its complete effort to the end of blocking the Lend-Lease Bill sponsored by the administration. Thousands of pieces of literature were distributed; numerous meetings were held in the metropolitan areas and the people all over the nation were incited to petition their national representatives to block the passage of this legislation. (100-4712-16)

Two of the largest meetings sponsored by this Committee during that period were held at New York City on May 23, 1941, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 29, 1941, at which meetings approximately 20,000 people attended. Senator Burton Wheeler of Montana, Charles A. Lindbergh, Kathleen Norris and Norman Thomas were the headline speakers at these meetings. The texts of the speeches delivered were concerned with deriding the administration's foreign policy, especially the Lend-Lease Bill, which they emphatically criticized as an active step towards entrance of the United States into the European conflict. (100-4712-58-71)
Information reported on June 30, 1941, indicates that the America First Committee is supplying the financial support for the publication "Uncensored," which is published by the Keep America Out of War Congress, which organization reportedly contains a number of Socialists in its membership.

Information received as of July 29, 1941, discloses that Newton Dillaway of Reading, Massachusetts received numerous communications from the German Library of Information addressed to him as Newton Dillaway, and that after this organization was closed he began to receive literature from the America First Committee addressed to him in the same manner, that is, the same mistake with the spelling of his name, and the stencil printing on the literature received from the America First Committee was identical with that received from the German Library of Information. (100-4712-109)

Information received as of August 7, 1941, disclosed that the America First Committee has a Colored Section headed by J. Finley Wilson, Chairman, and Perry V. Howard, Secretary, with national headquarters at 613 F Street, North West, Washington, D.C. This organization is reported to have distributed literature in colored circles requesting the colored population to petition their national representatives to discourage the United States from entering the European war. (100-4712-112)

Other nationally known figures who have affiliated themselves with the America First Committee are Senator David I. Walsh, Congressman Hamilton Fish, Congressman James Francis O'Connor, Congressman Dewey Short, former Governor Philip La Follette, and Robert Hutchins, President of the University of Chicago.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
October 3, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
MEETING AT OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM,
Los Angeles, California,
October 2, 1941.

Dear Sir:

As you were previously advised, Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE requested me, when on the West Coast, to have the meeting of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE at which Senator BURTON K. WHEELER was to speak in Los Angeles, attended for the purpose of furnishing him with a report.

This meeting was held at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles at 8:00 p.m., October 2, 1941, and the auditorium was filled to capacity. There was an estimated attendance of slightly over 8,000.

The hall was well-decorated with American flags, bunting, and various signs bearing slogans such as "NO A.E.F.," and "Keep Our Factories Humming for National Defense, But Keep Our Boys in the United States." While the auditorium was being filled, community singing was engaged in, and at 8:10 p.m., Senator WHEELER and his party, including a woman dressed in a costume as the Statue of Liberty and an Indian in full costume including a feathered head dress, mounted the speaker's platform.

From the ovation extended the Senator at that time, it was obvious that the audience was very sympathetic and friendly towards the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE and Senator WHEELER. At this time the crowd rose to its feet and afforded the senator a demonstrative reception. There was applauding, screaming, and much waving of handkerchiefs then and at various other times during the meeting.

There was a vocal number of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE song and the song of the Gold Star Mothers of America, both of these following the playing of the national anthem.

The first speaker was Attorney JOSEPH SCOTT, who made an appeal for funds, and he based this appeal upon the following story. He stated that when he was a young man, his...
RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING AT
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, Los Angeles,
California, October 2, 1941.

grandmother had presented him with a Liberty Bond, stating it to
be a token that the last World War was one waged for righteousness
and it was her investment in his future, made in the hope that he
could live in a peaceful, free, and democratic world. After the
Treaty of Versailles, his grandmother stated to him that she had
been deluded, and that the treaty was one which would only lead
to more wars. He continued by stating the Government, in order
to pay the bond and its indebtedness, which is evidenced by the
bond, actually taxed him in order to pay the debt which was due
him.

He stated, therefore, that the collection which
would be taken up that evening was an investment, and that the
cost of any future war would assume staggering proportions in so
far as it would relate to any individual. He added that any money
which was contributed might well be regarded as an investment to
protect the people against future greater debts. It was his opinion
that the minimum cost per citizen—should we enter this war—would
be $2,000, and approximately $7,000 per bread-winner. At this time
the ushers passed up and down the aisles taking a collection. It
is not known at this time how much was obtained.

Senator WHEELER was introduced by JOHN STEVEN
McGroarty, who referred to the senator as a lifelong friend.
McGroarty is referred to as the poet laureate of California, and
was at one time a member of the United States Congress.

The theme of Senator WHEELER'S speech was concerning
the fact that there are many people in America today who were
against this country's entry into any war, but were afraid to
speak. He is too frequently met with the response, "We Are in
business," meaning that people were not in a position to express
their views as they were in business and were actually against
entry into war but were afraid to express their opinions. He
stated he was unalterably opposed to America's entry into any
foreign war and was now trying to force the President to keep the
promises made to the American people when he was seeking their
votes to re-elect him to a third term. He quoted President ROOSE-
VELT'S speeches to the effect that he, President ROOSEVELT, was
against war, and he defined war as meaning "shooting." He also quoted President ROOSEVELT'S pledge that American boys would never be sent outside of the Western Hemisphere. He then stated that President ROOSEVELT had broken these pledges inasmuch as he had ordered the American Navy to shoot and also that he had occupied Iceland after consulting the Parliament of Iceland without consulting the Congress of the United States, and that he had stationed American soldiers in Iceland under command of British officers. He added that Iceland is situated in the Eastern Hemisphere and that "Not even a magician like WENDELL L. WILLKIE could bring it back into the Western Hemisphere."

Senator WHEELER launched an attack upon President ROOSEVELT'S statement that religious freedom in Russia is the same as in America. He quoted figures as to the number of priests, bishops, and other clergymen who had been killed by Communist overlords, and then gave as his source for these figures the title of a book, volume, and page number, the book being one written by WINSTON CHURCHILL. This statement was met with wild applause and enthusiastic cheering.

He then stated that from this fact, it might well be assumed that American soldiers would shortly be fighting side by side with Communist soldiers for the protection and preservation of Communist Russia. During the course of the speech, Senator WHEELER also stated he was against Nazi oppression and mentioned a tour he had made through Germany and the persecution he had witnessed there.

He referred to the present cooperation between England and Russia, and stated it was an "Unholy Alliance." The Senator launched an attack against the motion picture industry, and stated that the people in attendance at this meeting had not been attracted by glamorous movie stars, Bingo, bank night, and so forth. He attacked the industry as spreading war propaganda and stated that in years to come, the motion picture industry would dictate Arnold if America gets involved in the present war. He stated the industry was attempting to build up a war spirit, resulting in active participation in the war. In speaking of the motion picture industry, he referred to the stand which
is being taken towards the Jewish race, adding that this is the reason this industry is putting forth every effort by way of propaganda pictures. He stated Jewish refugees have come to this country and are presently being feted and living in luxury and attempting to have the United States fight the war for them and for their cause. He criticized the regiment of British actors who are serving the present war from Hollywood Boulevard, and stated he was aware that not all of the producers were engaged in war propaganda, adding that the Senate investigation is directed against those who are.

During his talk, the senator stated that he was not anti-British, that he greatly admired the British people for being smart people, and he always admired smart people. He sarcastically outlined the role played by Great Britain during the last war, stating that that nation first requested America for money, which was furnished; then they requested a small token army to boost the morale of the allies, and a token army was given, which was followed by the A.E.F. He stated we did this because the smart people in England had told America it was fighting her war. He stated that when the war was over and after many of the men sent over failed to return, when America tried to collect her war debt, the smart people of England characterized America as "Uncle Shylock."

He then drew a parallel in present day events in the Lend-Lease Bill and the transfer of bombers and ships, and stated that shortly the President was contemplating introducing a bill authorizing the arming of American merchant ships. He stated that prior to the last war, a bill authorizing the arming of merchant ships was passed, and 21 days later America was in war.

The senator did not refer to Germany and Italy to any extent, only stating that the world has no room for dictators and dictatorships, and that Americans will continue to live in a democracy by supplying England with materials to carry on her war against the Rome-Berlin Axis.

He also mentioned CHARLES LINDBERGH as being a true and loyal American citizen who puts heritage above all, and he is being supported by all real Americans. This statement was received
RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING AT
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, Los Angeles,
California, October 2, 1941.

with great enthusiasm by the audience.

The meeting was generally orderly, with only two
incidents being noted by the observers. Upon launching his
attack against the movie industry, one person in the audience
rose and called Senator WHEELER a liar. It was a minor distur-

cence, and this individual was ejected by the police. A middle-
gaged woman stalked down the aisle on the main floor of the audi-
torium to inspect the Indian at close range, stating she did not
believe he was a real Indian. There was no violence with this
incident, and the entire thing was greeted with laughter by the
audience.

In general, the audience was very attentive and
receptive, and the applauded the speaker most loudly when he
referred to statements about keeping America out of the present
war and keeping American boys at home. Although his accusations
against the President of not keeping his 1940 campaign promises,
and his jests of WENDELL L. WILLKIE drew applause from the audience,
at no time was there hissing or booing at the mention of the name
of the President or that of WENDELL L. WILLKIE. Before, during,
and after the meeting, pamphlets and papers were passed out and
copies of two of them were being attached to this communication.
The Los Angeles press reports that 11,000 persons were in attendance
at the meeting.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosures
AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY
October 20, 1941

Dear [Name]

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 6, 1941, with enclosure.

Please be advised that the content of your communication has been made a matter of permanent record in the official files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
The Charleston Gazette, Saturday, October 8, 1941.

Wedge Seen Newest Goal of Germans

(Continued from Page 1)

Towards Moscow and southward towards Kharkov.

Fierce battles raged all day Friday before Rudenich's lines protecting Kharkov and Kursk. "The Army added, with von Runstedtl's panzers probing for weak spots in the Red front."

Simultaneously von Runstedt launched a new attack against the Russians standing before Kostov-on-Don, north of the Sea of Azov. "But everywhere, the Wall said, the Germans are meeting with fierce resistance, with heavy tank battles involving many hundreds of tanks raging east of Dalepropetorsk." 

Lindbergh Fears Loss of Liberties

Tells Fort Wayne Rally This Address 'May Be My Last'

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 8—(AP)—The administration has shown by "many signs" that it may clamp down on free speech and free government in America, "Charles" Lindbergh declared tonight in an address which he said may be my last." In the first speech he has given since the one in Des Moines for which he has been under fire, the aviator hinted that he believed the end of free elections was in sight.

"The time has come when we must consider even that," he said. Lindbergh opened his address before an America First rally with the words: "When I speak to you here in Fort Wayne tonight, I realize that it may be my last address.

Sees Many Signs

"How much longer free speech will be possible in the United States, I do not know. But I do know that an administration which can throw this country into undeclared naval war against the will of our people and without asking the consent of congress can by similar methods prevent freedom of speech among us.

"There are many signs that such action may be taken in the near future, with as little warning as accompanied the occupation of Ica-
At best, speech ends in this country, it means that we are no longer a free people. It means that we are about to enter dictatorship and probably foreign war. It means that we will be forced to do this against the will of the people just as we have been forced into an undeclared naval war against the will of our people.

Dangers Sketched

Sketching the dangers he said America now faces, Lindbergh continued:

The interventionists claim we have reached our present position by taking steps which the majority of the people—approved of, and that, therefore, the will of the people has prevailed. The fact is that we have reached our present position by following the false promises of the interventionists and our administration in Washington. Not one step the administration has taken in the last two years has been pleasing to our people as a step toward war.

"Instead of seizing every opportunity to draw us further from the war, the president and his administration have not missed a single chance to push us closer to it. Instead of avoiding incidents of war, they have created them. Instead of following our mandate to stay out, they have, by subterfuge and dictatorial procedure, led us in.

"They have not only turned their backs on their campaign promises but have been treating our congress men and more as the German Reichstag has been treated under the Nazi regime.

"Congress, like the Reichstag, is not consulted."

Gloomy Picture Given

Pointing to the consequences of entering the war, Lindbergh asserted that it would be necessary to turn America into an armed camp, create a military force strong enough to cross the Atlantic and invade the continent and survive a coming wave of prostitution, famine and disease.

The aviator charged that administration leaders have not presented a clear picture of these consequences.

"It is essential for us to realize that what we used to call representative government, American independence and the American way of life is rapidly becoming a thing of the past," he said.

"Recently—no one will ever know the exact date—we began following a road which involved the abandonment of our most fundamental customs and traditions... We must face the fact that you, and I and our generation have lost our American heritage. It is no longer a case of defending it. It is a case of rebuilding it..."
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

October 6, 1941

At 10:10 P.M., October 3, 1941, an unknown caller by long distance telephone to inquire if the Bureau could not do something about Colonel Lindbergh. He had particular reference to a radio broadcast he had just heard made by Charles Lindbergh from Fort Wayne, Indiana, in which he stated, several derogatory remarks about the President of the United States were made. He stated he resented those remarks greatly and wanted to be "on record" as protesting against them.

Inasmuch as the undersigned, in the regular pursuit of his duties as night supervisor, had not been listening to the radio and also ignorant of the text, circumstances or any details or any radio broadcast which Charles Lindbergh may have made on the night of October 3, 1941, the undersigned assured the caller that along the course of events, this speech would probably come to the Bureau's attention and that if it should involve any violation of Federal Law over which the Bureau had investigative jurisdiction, appropriate action would be taken. He stated he hoped to hear from the Bureau in this regard.

Attached hereto is a newspaper account of a radio broadcast made by Colonel Charles Lindbergh on the night of October 3, 1941, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, to which I doubtless had reference.

Respectfully,

E. T. Cannon

Attachment
Denial of Right To Vote Feared

By Lindbergh

Even if the elections may be suspended,

He Wears a Pin

Dragged From Auditorium

As he was about to address the audience, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, a man who attempted to heckle Senator Burton K. Wheeler at a rally of the Southern California Anti-Isolation Committee, was ejected from the auditorium by a Los Angeles police officer.

There was no direct mention of the Roosevelt Administration or its policies in the document.
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Lindbergh Assails Russia as Worst Possible U. S. Ally
Tells Peace Rally He Is Ready to Fight For American Defense

The Associated Press.
SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—Charles A. Lindbergh, denouncing
Russia and European entangle-
ments, pleaded for “an independent
identity for America”—amid pro-
longed applause at an overflow meet-
ing sponsored by the America
First Committee here last night.

The crowd filled the 12,000 seats
of the Civic Auditorium before the
meeting began and overflowed into
the street where they listened to
outdoor loudspeakers. About 7,000
seats were free.

“An audience roared the loudest
approval when Mr. Lindbergh de-
clared:

“I would a hundred times rather
see my country ally herself with
England, or even with Germany
with all her faults, than with the
Godlessness and the
barbarism that exist in Soviet
Russia.”

“But there is one thing upon
which we can agree, upon which
we are not divided, and that is
that we are ready to fight for
America if the need should ever
arise.”

Lindbergh quoted Jefferson’s
statement that the countries of Eu-
rope “are nations of eternal war”
and reiterated Washington’s warn-
ings “against European entangle-
ments.”

Mr. Lindbergh responded with
engaging grins to the ovation which
erected him and his wife, the for-
mer Anne Morrow, as they took
their places on the platform with
other speakers: Author Kathleen
Norris, Actress Lillian Gish, and
Senator Clark of Idaho.

“Out his mouth were grim lines
when he spoke of “interventionist
propaganda,” commenting:

“A refugee who steps from the
gun-plank and advocates war is ac-
claimed as a defender of freedom.
A native-born American who
opposes war is called a fifth col-
umnist.”
America First
Group Lists
Contributors

CHICAGO, March 13—The America First Committee reported today it had received $137,615 in contributions from 15,014 persons and listed 66 contributions of $100 or more. The list included Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

The list was issued after former Sen. Ernest W. Gibson of Vermont, chairman of the committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, had listed contributions of $20 or more to his organization and challenged the America First Committee to do likewise.

In addition to Col. Lindbergh, the list included:
- John T. McCutcheon, Chicago Tribune cartoonist.
- Ernest P. Wieland, the Western Steel Co.
- Robert E. Wood, Sears, Roebuck & Co.
- Robert W. Fugate, Jr., of New York.
- Thomas J. Messenger, Jr., New York geologist.

Contributions listed by the committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies included:
- J. H. G. Morgan, less than $500; Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, less than $500;
- Katherine Hepburn and Loring Fontaine, between $250 and $500;
- Herbert H. Lehman, wife of the governor of New York, between $250 and $500.

Others are Henry F. Luce, publisher, David Dubinsky, president, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and a group of about 50 playwrights, stage and screen producers, novelists, actors, publishers and composers, a total of $36,000.

Called ‘Nazi Front’

NEW YORK, March 13—The Friends of Democracy charged that the America First Committee, headed by Gen. Robert E. Wood, is “a Nazi front end a transmission belt for the Nazis.”

L. M. Birkhead, national director of the Friends of Democracy, said literature of the America First Committee was being circulated at Nazi and Bund meetings and that Bund members and sympathizers were being urged to support it.
PRO-NAZI GROUP
RALLIES TO AID
OF ISOLATIONISTS

BY FRANK ANOTHERS

A ringing appeal to assist the America First Committee and the
Citizens Keep America Out of War
Committee in "their fight for you"
has been issued to the members of
the German-American National
Alliance.

The pro-Nazi alliance, also
known as the Einheitsfront—United
Front—makes the plea in the lead-
ing article of its current "News Let-
ter".

Signed by Paul A. W. Warnholtz,
head of the organization, the article
urges the members to "demand"
of their senators and congressmen
that they "oppose steps leading us into
war or into dictatorship" and that
they "defeat the dictator bill, H. R.
1776, completely."

Flags for Isolationists

Warnholtz then urges for America
First and the C. K. A. O. W. com-
nittee as follows:

"There are organized eliites,
which beat the drums of war,
backed by unlimited funds. But
there are also several committees
efficiently aiding you in your fight
to save the lives of the sons of
America and to preserve American
institutions and the American way
of life. Assist these committees in
their fight for you. Assist them fi-
ancially and morally. They need
money to arouse the public. Assist
these committees at once! Here are
the names and addresses of these
committees who are against war,
etc."

"Citizens Keep America Out of
War Committee, 77 West Wash-
ington street, Chicago, Ill.

"America First Committee, Board
of Trade Building, Chicago, Ill.

"Does Not Define Etc.

The champion of the Einheits-
front version of "the American way
of life" does not define what "etc.
But in his assertion that the
committees named are "against war,
etc." As for Americans who, he
alleges, "shout loudest for war," he
utters language reminiscent of the
press of Dr. Goebbels.

They are usually old men,
sterile biologically, and sterile even
of all dreams and memories of life,
love and youth and would deny the

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America First' Speakers Ready to Start New Drive

CHICAGO, June 16 (C.P.S.)—The America First Committee, continuing with renewed vigor its battle to keep the United States at peace, announced yesterday its most extensive speaking campaign yet undertaken.

For the next three weeks five anti-interventionist leaders—Charles A. Lindbergh, Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D.), of Montana; Senator Gerald P. Nye (R.), of North Dakota; Senator Bennett Champ Clark (D.), of Missouri; and Senator D. L. Wylie Clark (D.), of Idaho—will stump all sections of the United States, rallying public opinion against war.

Between Monday and July 4 the America First speakers will address 16 anti-war rallies in 10 States.

Senator Nye will open the campaign tomorrow night at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Senator D. L. Wylie Clark will address the first of three California rallies Thursday night in San Diego.

Lindbergh will speak Friday night in Los Angeles, and will return to California July 2 for an address in San Francisco.

Senator Wheeler has six addresses scheduled during the three-week campaign. He will open his tour next Saturday in Loras College stadium at Dubuque, Iowa, where he will be interviewed over a nation-wide radio hookup.

CH-18
Fascist Groups Unite
Behind Lindbergh

Survey Shows Coughlinites, Anti-Semitic Outfits
Throughout Country Support Pro-Hitler
Program of America First Committee

By John Arnold

American history is criss-crossed and honeycombed with virulent little home-grown circles of furiously producing and disseminating anti-Semitism and the Nazi creed of violence. They flood the mails with their horrors and the poisonous stream of their influence flows into many high places.

For many years efforts have been repeatedly made to unity and centralize these innumerable bands, but without success. It is the nature of each little fascist to be his own ruler until such time as a man of sufficient proportion appears who can command and dominate them all.

That man has now appeared. His name is Lindbergh. A unifying center has been found. It is the America First Committee.

The tremendous work of that group to block an American anti-Hitler front has won the support and the allegiance of every anti-Semitic and every fascist in the country, from Charles E. Coughlin and Henry Ford down to the chin-whiskered William Dudley Pelley and New York's street brawler Joe McWilliams.

McWilliams has said: "Lindbergh is on our side. We must not hinder him."

Francis Moran, a Boston leader of the terrorist Christian Front, has told his followers: "Wait until Colonel Lindbergh is ready to take over."

Father Coughlin's personal organ, Social Justice, has proclaimed that Senator Wheeler and ex-Colonel Lindbergh "...must be supported...for to them, following the war, will we look for leadership."

In a recent issue Social Justice proudly displayed two letters from leaders of the America First Committee under this line: "America First, Conquer All."
the Frankfurter's, the B.B., Chicago, etc."

Still another America First backer, the so-called National Workers League of Defense which informed the dregs of the notorious Black Legion, wrote this in a recent issue of its confidential bulletin: "Fellow citizens! Don't you often feel a primitive urge to get your hands around the throat of one of these 'democrats' who believe in Uncle Sam with England? It seems murder does have some patriotic values."

Lest it be believed that these are but the expressions of crackpots or of a lunatic fringe, it should be known that these groups now backing America First are in turn backed, supported and encouraged by men within the halls of Congress.

The Hour, anti-fascist newsletter published here, revealed in its Aug. 3 issue that George Paganelli, editor of a violently anti-Semitic paper called Christian Defender, has recently been in conference with members of the Congressional appeasement bloc. Paganelli's paper recently published this: "Just a bit of warning to Jews: Once Fascists (of Sacred Justice) are effectively and militarily stifled, then will also have come the time to resort to means other than the soapbox, the court and peaceful assembly."

REF. RANKIN IN IT

The Hour reports as follows:

"George Paganelli . . . held conferences last week in Washington, D.C., with Congressman John E. Rankin of Mississippi and Ex-Congressman John C. Schafer of Wisconsin. Under discussion were plans for promoting and consolidating anti-Semitic sentiment in the United States and the use of this Nazi weapon as a political weapon in this country."

"When Paganelli returned from Washington to New York City, he boasted to fascist intimates about conferring with anti-democratic politicians at the capitol."

"According to Jew-hater Paganelli, Congressman Rankin advanced the following formula for keeping America out of the war and preventing further aid to the Allies: 'Blame the war on the Jews. Label this a Jewish war, a war brought about by international Jewish bankers. Spread this around the country and our battle is won.'"

"Ex-Congressman John C. Schafer, The Hour further reveals, "unabashed by his recent defeat in the Wisconsin elections, is building a secret organization which he hopes will be the focal point for anti-democratic, anti-Semitic feeling in the United States. He told Paganelli that he hopes to enlist the support of large numbers of World War veterans and that he will soon start for the Middle West on a speaking tour. He intends to make Washington the headquarters of his Fifth Column organization."

PRO-HITLER ROSTER

The Hour also reports that Paganelli "has been maintaining close contacts" with Senator Robert Reynolds of North Carolina, now chairman of the powerful and strategic Senate Committee on Military Affairs.

Other Congressmen either identified with the America First Committee directly or applauded in the fascist press of this country are Martin Dies, Senator Nye, Hamilton Fish and Stephen A. Day.

Hitlerism must not only be fought on the battlefields of Europe. It must be combated at home. Its focal point in the United States today is the America First Committee.
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAEGER

RE: AMERICA FIRST, INC.
National Office - lil w. Jackson
Blvd., Chicago, Illinois
New York Office - 515 Madison Ave.

The following information concerning the above organization was obtained from an outside unknown source dated at New York, New York, on August 4, 1941.

This organization was originally planned by R. Douglas Stuart, Jr., 24 year old law school senior in 1940 at Yale University. He is the son of the first vice president of the Quaker Oats Company. The first person contacted when the committee was formed was Col. Lindbergh, and another was Earl Browder. These people met with Stuart and later on General Robert Wood, head of Sears-Roebuck Company, Edward L. Ayer, a director of Inland Steel; Mrs. Jeanette Ayer Fairbanks, a wealthy woman; and Chester Bowles, chairman of Benton and Bowles, an advertising agency, made up the picture. Soon William Castle, Under-Secretary of State in the Hoover Cabinet and the original master mind behind Lindbergh was added, then Senator Wheeler, and Senator Bob Taft. At the very start this organization had a tremendous amount of money on hand, despite the claim that they never accept more than $1,000 from any one person.

In the East, Thomas N. McCarter, former chairman of the Public Service Company of New Jersey, is one of the leaders, and he is said to be the contact man for John Jr., the millionaire Republican leader of Pennsylvania.

Henry Ford and Jay C. Hormel are members of the Committee. Kathryn Lewis, the daughter of John Lewis, is one of the active members; and for the Catholic element we find John T. Flynn, Reverend Father Coughlin, and John O'Connors. Other members are General Hugh S. Johnson, Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Amos R. Pinchot and Louis T. Taber.

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Secretly there was a tremendous Jewish group backing the America First until just recently. This Jewish group had as its front the Guggenheim Foundation, and the committee was quietly subsidized for tremendous sums of money. The Guggenheim interest has always fronted for Lindberg, but a few weeks ago the Jewish group withdrew all financial support. A number of the members of the committee quietly withdrew or became inactive. This was due to three reasons.

1. America First was set up because of the hatred for President Roosevelt and the purpose was to do everything possible to embarrass him in every way possible.

2. Mrs. Wheeler, the wife of the Senator, is bitterly anti-Semitic. She is a stock-holder of the Chicago Tribune, and Col. McCormick, the Tribune's owner, has as his man Harry Jung, head of the American Vigilante Intelligence Federation, who is also strongly pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic. It is alleged that Mrs. Wheeler, Harry Jung and Col. McCormick are using America First as a sounding board for anti-Jewish propaganda. In connection with this, Father Charles E. Coughlin of Detroit and the Christian Front Organization have just recently been officially welcomed into America First by Col. Wood, another stock-holder of the Chicago Tribune.

3. America First has a lobby strictly anti-Roosevelt at Washington. This lobby is comprised of William Castle, Alice Longworth, John L. Lewis and General Hugh S. Johnson. Each and every one of these are bitter enemies of the President.

This group had to figure a way to reach at the President through probably the most bitter attacks in the history of the world. The Hatch Act would not permit large political contributions to the campaign funds, so this organization, America First, has as its base enemy President Roosevelt, and consequently anything he attempts, no matter what it concerns in regard to war and Britain, will be attacked by America First.

In other words, this organization which is cooperating with every branch of anti-war groups, such as the I.R.A., Christian Front, anti-British, Catholic groups, and every pacifist group in the country, make it an organization that will always have to be watched.

From the Communist angle, William Castle has on his payroll William Sanger, a former Communist Stalin School graduate. Sanger now receives $250 a month and is located at Washington.
When the present Pope who then was Papal Secretary, was in the United States on a visit, he confided to certain members of the church that he thought that the American priests, outside of the Irish, were a lazy lot. Since then a peculiar thing happened that makes one consider. Cardinal Dougherty of Boston severely criticized Father Coughlin and tried to have him removed. Cardinal Dougherty went to Rome on the matter. In the meantime, Coughlin started an attack on the Jews and the British, and he was only mildly chastised for his actions, and ever since he has been on the war-path now that the Irish groups in the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus have become very bitter and active against Britain and Roosevelt, and no one is saying a thing to them. They are running wild, and ex-Congressman John O'Connor, one of the most staunch friends of the I.R.A. has been acting as attorney for Coughlin's organization, the National Union for Social Justice.

The America First has a great fortune back of it. Among the monied people are General Wood, Mrs. Jeanette Ayer Fairbanks, Frank O. Lowden, Thomas N. McCarter, Edward I. Wyerson, and Pew who controls the Sun Oil Company.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire
Dear Mr. President,

28 Sept. 11, 1941

Your speech was attentively listened to and carefully absorbed by the undersigned. "I likewise heard Lindbergh's address and it prompted me to become so bold as to suggest to our good President of the U.S.A. (the best country on earth in my opinion) that he permit one of his officials to ask the "Colonel" just a few simple questions, as follows, that all may know just what his true wishful, but unfortunately not practical at this time, platform may really be.

1. Do you truthfully think that the present administration wants war, a shooting war?

2. Do you think the American people as a whole want war?

3. Do you think or know that if the U.S.A. sits idly by and arms itself and renders no aid to oppressed peoples fighting for their very lives unto the death, that Heir Hitler will not attack us after he has conquered them?

4. If you were in an unfair fight with an opponent whom you knew could easily beat the stuffing out of you and a man who owed you money hopped into the fray on your side, would you say — no, I'll take a good beating because you did not pay your debt to me?

5. If you were sunk by an Axis submarine without warning and had an opportunity to later retaliate, would you still turn the other cheek that same murderer might murder more innocent and peace loving people?

6. Do you feel certain or know that if Hitler conquered all the peoples you mentioned in your speech (of class bigotry and hatred) in addition to those already subjected, that we would be able to avoid a much worse shooting war without capitulating to that type of satan worshiper?

7. Do you think England, France, Holland, Poland, etc., wanted a war?

8. Who do you think started this war?

9. If by any chance you think it was the Nazi butcher and his gangster colleagues, Goering, Goebbels, Hess, etc., then how inconsistent to say we, and England wanted it, when both did all humanly possible to avoid it?
10. Do you think or know that by germinating dishunty in this country (though your intentions are probably 100% well founded in your own opinion, in the best interests of the good old U.S.A.) you are in reality causing a slight division of the Union? Do you not still believe that in unity there is strength? If not ask Hitler.

In my opinion the America First Committee might be more truthfully be called The Hitler Clubs of America. In fact in my travels I have observed that nearly all "imported" Germans are members of the America First Committee, and I wonder if there would be any America left to be first, if your ideas were carried out?

Respectfully yours,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

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The America First Committee organized in the state of Oklahoma by DON LOHBECK, HERBERT K. HYDE, Chairman of the American First Committee in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and MACK SHRODES, Chairman in Tulsa, Oklahoma, WILLIAM S. FOULIS, and E. C. JEFFREY, National Committee, made arrangements for CHARLES A. LINDBERGH to speak in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. LINDBERGH denied use of the Municipal Auditorium by the City Council of Oklahoma City; spoke at Sandlot Park, Oklahoma City, on August 29, 1941 with Senator BURTON K. WHEELER. Membership drive now in progress - aims and purposes of national as well as local organizations explained.

The organization was the brain child of R. Douglas Stuart, Jr., a 24 year old law student senior of Yale University in 1940. He is the son of the First Vice-President of Quaker Oats Company. The first person contacted when the Committee was formed was Colonel Lindbergh, and the second was Earl Browder. These people met with Stuart, and later on G. H. Robert Wood, head of Sears & Roebuck, Chicago, Edward L. Ayer, a director of the Union Steel, Mrs. Jeanette Ayer, Fairbanks, a wealthy woman, and Charles Bowles, Chairman of Benton & Bowles, an advertising agency, made up the picture. Soon
William Castle, under Secretary of State in the Hoover Cabinet, and alleged master mind behind Lindbergh was added. Then Senator Wheeler and Senator Borah. At the start this organization had a tremendous amount of money despite the claim that they never accepted more than $1,000 from any one person. In the east, Thomas N. McCarter, former chairman of the Public Service Company of New Jersey, is one of the leading lights. He is the contact man for Jesse Newbold, millionaire Republican boss of Pennsylvania. Henry Ford is one of the biggest of this Committee, as is J. C. Hormel, millionaire Minnesota meat packer; Kathryn Lewis, the daughter of John L. Lewis, is one of the active members. For the Catholic element there is John L. Flynn, Father Coughlin, John O'Connor. Another man in the limelight is General Hugh S. Johnson. Others are Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Amos E. Pinchot, former Governor of Pennsylvania and Lewis J. Waterman. Secretly there is a tremendous Jewish group backing the America First Committee. This group has as its front the Guggenheim Foundation, and the Committee was quietly subsidized for tremendously large amounts of money. The Guggenheim interests have always fronted for Lindbergh.

America First was set up because of the hatred for President Roosevelt and its purpose is to do everything possible to embarrass him and the Army in the United States. Mrs. Wheeler, wife of the Senator, is bitterly anti-Semitic. She is a stockholder of the Chicago Tribune, and Colonel McCormick, the Tribune owner, has as his stooge Harry Young, head of the American Vigilante Intelligence Federation, and strongly pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic. Mrs. Wheeler, Harry Young and Colonel McCormick are using America First as a sounding board for anti-Jewish propaganda. In this connection Father Charles E. Coughlin of Detroit and the Christian front organizations have just recently been officially welcomed into America First by General Wood, another stockholder of the Chicago Tribune.

America First has a lobby strictly anti-Roosevelt in Washington. This lobby is composed of William Castle and Alice Longworth, John L. Lewis and General Hugh S. Johnson. All are bitter enemies of the President. This group has figured out a way to reach the President with the most bitter attacks in the history of the world. The Hatch Act would not permit large political contributions to campaign funds, so this organization, America First, has its worst enemy in President Roosevelt and consequently anything he attempts, no matter what it concerns in respect to war, will be attacked by America First. In other words, this group is cooperating with every branch of anti-war groups such as the NRA, Christian front, Anti-British, Catholic group, German group and every pacifist group in the country.

This is one organization that will always have to be watched. From the Communist angle, William Castle has on his payroll William Sanger, a former Communist, Stalin school graduate. Sanger now receives $250 a month and is located at Washington, D. C.

It must be remembered that America First has plenty of money back of it in General Wood, Mrs. Jeanette Ayer Fairbanks, Frank O. Lowden, Thomas M. McCarter, Edward L. Ayerston and Pew, who controls the Sun Oil Company in New York. The bitterness which Castle, John L. Lewis, Hugh Johnson
Few, Colonel McCormick, Senator Wheeler and others have
against Roosevelt is such that they would not deviate one inch in fighting
everything that the President wants or attempts, and consequently the
British suffer to a great extent."

July 7, 1941 Assistant Manager BLACK of the Ferrine Build-
ing advised that a lease had been signed by a person by the name of CORB
for the use of a room in the Ferrine Building by the America First Committee.
Mr. BLACK asked the party to the lease the nature of the business to be
continued and Mrs. DONALDSON replied that "our principal business will
be keeping America out of war."

The Daily Oklahoman published an article on August 26,
1941 to the effect that the American Legion, Post #35 adopted a resolution
requesting the City Council to deny the use of the Municipal Auditorium for
a speech by Charles A. Lindbergh, speaker of the America First Committee.
In a similar action the Knights of Pythias Lodge and the Oklahoma State
Women's Ambulance and Transport Corps lodged formal protest against granting
Lindbergh the use of the hall. The Daily Oklahoman on August 27, 1941 stated
that the City Council voted to deny Charles A. Lindbergh the use of the Munici-
pal Auditorium. This article further states that the City Council's action
came after several city organizations protested Lindbergh's appearance in
Oklahoma City and rescinding order of T. T. JOYNSON, Auditorium Manager, per-
mitting the meeting in the Auditorium. This article further reveals that
Lindbergh notified the America First Leaders that he would speak on "air power"
anywhere the appearance can be arranged. On August 28, 1941 the Daily Oklaho-
man published an article stating that the Sandlot Baseball Park 3200 N. W. 10th
Street had been rented for the America First Committee's rally to be ad-
dressed by CHARLES A. LINDBERGH and BURTON K. WHEELER on August 29. On a day
later, August 29, 1941 CARL J. STEWART, Managing Editor of the Daily Oklaho-
man and Oklahoma City Times published the following letter which was delivered
to Charles A. Lindbergh upon his arrival in Oklahoma City August 28, 1941.
The letter reads as follows:

"It has been announced that Friday you will speak in this com-
munity for the cause of isolationism. Of all the persons advocating this idea,
you are perhaps its most persuasive sponsor. I think I have read carefully
every press report of your recent utterances. Almost without exception, I
find them negative. They abound in "shall not" without, as I see it, offer-
ing any valid alternatives.

Perhaps in your mind there are alternatives. If that is the
case you should, in all honesty and candor, state them also.

To focus your attention upon the gaps that appear to me in
your platform for America, and doubtless to millions of other Americans, I
submit to you the following 10 questions, together with my sincere recom-
deration that frank and responsive replies to them can hardly fail to serve
a very useful purpose at this time:

1 -- Did you not, prior to lend-lease express the conviction that Britain alone never can defeat Germany?

2 -- Did you not also publicly oppose the lend-lease bills?

3 -- If your answer to these questions is "yes" does it not necessarily follow that you would rather see a peace on Germany's terms, than to see the United States take any action to prevent such a development?

4 -- Do you think "Germany's terms" would be anything less than complete political and economic domination of the entire European continent?

5 -- Do you think such a peace would be tolerable to the United States?

6 -- Do you think a democratic western hemisphere could do business with a totalitarian eastern hemisphere on any other basis than slave-labor competition and an armed truce?

7 -- Would you, as an American, rather face the prospect of making and maintaining the United States as an armed camp for the next 50 years than to take any steps to help insure the defeat of Germany?

8 -- You said recently that as between Germany and Russia, you would rather see the United States allied with Germany. I assume this statement was made with due regard to the realities of the situation, and that it means that you would rather ally the United States with Germany against Britain, than with Russia against Germany. Is that your position?

9 -- Does your view of the course the United States should take in this world revolution arise out of a personal belief that democratic framework of government have been outmoded and that the only nations that will be able to compete in the world of the future must be organised as a totalitarian pattern?

10--Are you prepared to recommend this view to the American people?

I await your reply when you are here Friday.

Sincerely
(Clark K. Stuart)

W. H. "ALFALFA" BILL MURRAY, Former Governor of the State of Oklahoma introduced Lindbergh in a 15 minute address. Former Governor MURRAY said he was present at the meeting because he believed that in the Capitol city of his State the right of free speech was in danger and that he felt it his duty to attend. The writer attended the rally of the America First Committee on 8-29-41 at Sandlot Park in which CHARLES LINDBERG and Senator BURTON K. WHEELER spoke on behalf of the America First Committee.
Following is the speech of CHARLES A. LINDBERGH as delivered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on August 29, 1941:

"As you all know, I stand with the men and women in America who oppose our entering this war in Europe. There are many reasons why I believe we should not enter the war. I have discussed these reasons freely and openly in articles and radio addresses during the last two years. I have said that I did not believe it was within our power to control the war, or to solve the problems that have existed in Europe since European history began. I have said that we were not prepared to wage war abroad successfully at this time, and that we would not be prepared to do so for months if not for years to come.

I have said that our participation in this war would simply add to bloodshed and prostration in Europe, and bring confusion to our own country. I have said that the United States is strong enough and able enough to protect itself, and that we in America do not have to depend upon any foreign country for our security and welfare.

To these statements and beliefs, I hold as firmly today as I have at any time in the past. Developments since the war started have already partially proved them correct; and I think that by the time the war ends, you will find I have in no way misled you.

But tonight, I am going to lay aside the broader issues of the war, and talk to you about air power, its capabilities, its limitations, and its consequences. I have selected air power as my subject for two reasons; first, because of its great military importance, and second, because aviation has become a symbol of this modern, scientific and mechanized era in which we live. Germany has used aviation to change the entire technique of warfare both on land and on the sea. England is using aviation to strike back at a continent she is unable to invade. The American interventionists are using aviation to justify the occupation of Iceland, to prepare the way for an occupation of Africa, and to add to the general hysteria of the war. The capitalists are using aviation to make money, and the taxpayer is finding aviation a more and more expensive item on his bill.

I spent many years of my life surveying and laying out air routes in North and South America, and across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. One of the greatest problems I encountered in those years lay in the difficulty of persuading people that aviation was actually a practical form of transportation; that, some day, this country would be spanned in a single night by passenger carrying air-liners -- and that, eventually, even the oceans themselves would be flown on regular schedule.

That was only a little over 10 years ago. Now I find myself in the novel position of arguing that aviation has certain limitations as have all of the other inventions of man. Ten years ago, I was trying to convince the government and the people of this country that transoceanic
passenger carrying was not only possible, but also practical. Today, I am trying to assure our government and our people that while trans-oceanic bombing is possible, it is not practical, and that the damage it could do on wartime standards would be slight.

I find the same people who scoffed at transatlantic air routes 10 years ago, now telling me that if the British empire does not win this war, the United States of America will be conquered by air invaders from Europe. They say that the world's two greatest oceans are no barrier to bombing planes, and that at any moment we may find trans-oceanic parachute troops raining down on the streets of our major cities.

Our own president has talked about air invasions by way of icecapped Greenland, and about others based on the jungles of Central and South America -- incidentally, at cruising speeds that are far higher than any racing plane has yet attained. Well, 10 years ago, those of us who believed in aviation set out to make this country "air minded." We seem to have succeeded, and now I suppose it is our job to get its feet safely back on the ground. Now that we have become "air minded," our next problem is to learn how to operate aircraft to our best advantage.

But from what I say here, do not gain the impression that aviation has reached its ultimate development. It has still far to go both in commerce and in war. The bombing planes will become more destructive, the pursuit planes more effective, and the commercial plane more efficient than they are today. It is even possible that the discovery of new sources of energy will permit us to build rocket planes in the future which will outperform the mythical bombers of our present day politicians and interventionists. With unlimited energy available, one can conceive of a plane limited only by the acceleration the human body can withstand. In that case, our descendants may some day accelerate halfway across the ocean, and "decelerate" the rest of the way across. If new sources of energy are discovered, the power of explosives will also increase. And then, in some future generation, fifty, or a hundred, or a thousand years from now, the United States may be as vulnerable to attack from Europe as England is today.

Now, I am sure that many interventionists will feel that since we may some day harness the atom and travel in rockets, we should go to war immediately to make the world safe for whatever system of government exists in that unknown and distant time. But I am among those non-interventionists who feel that we have enough problems to solve in our own generation, and that if our grandchildren insist on splitting atoms and building rockets, it must be upon their own responsibility. I believe that our generation will have accomplished its duty if we pass on to our children a free and independent American heritage that is not too greatly burdened with the debts of war. And so, for the present at least, I am willing to pass the atom and the rocket plan over to the interventionists, to hold in trust for generations of the future.

In discussing air power, we should start with the realization that man's conquest of the air will bring revolutionary changes to the entire
world, and that the changes which take place in one portion
of the world are bound to affect in some degree all other portions. Whatever
affects America affects Europe and Asia; and, conversely, whatever affects
Europe and Asia is bound to have more or less effect on America.

Possibly we can appreciate the significance of air power
better by considering the effect that sea power has had on the relationship
and fortunes of nations. The comparison is not exact, but it is enlightening.
And one must remember that aviation has developed as much in a generation as
shipping developed over a period of centuries.

Now when great changes in methods of warfare take place,
history shows that empires and nations fall, and other rise instead. The
important problem for us in this country to solve, is how to turn the changes
of this modern era to our advantage and how to avoid having them used against
us. If we use air power intelligently, we can increase our national safety,
add to our standard of living, and improve the quality of our civilization.
But if we do not use air power intelligently, if we expose ourselves unnesses-
sarily, if we fail to understand its limitations as well as its advantages if
we allow some foreign nation to turn the developments of modern warfare against
us we may find our national safety in jeopardy, and our standard of living
far lower than it is today. In fact, air power if unintelligently handled,
could bring the downfall of the very civilization which created it.

After a careful study of this problem, both in America and
Europe, over a period of years, I was forced to the conclusion that France and
England were not in a position to win a war against Germany, and that the domi-
nant position in Europe had shifted from England, as a sea power, to Germany as
a land and air power. The same study brought me to the conclusion that
while aviation greatly strengthened our position in America from the standpoint
of defense, it greatly weakened our position from the standpoint of attacking
Europe.

I based these conclusions upon many observations and facts,
there is not time to outline all of them tonight, but I would like to bring
some of the most outstanding to your attention.

It was obvious, even before this war started, that air power
made it costly, if not impossible, for naval forces to operate within effective
bombing range of an enemy coast adequately protected by aircraft. This meant that
troops could not be landed and maintained on any coast where an enemy had
strong supremacy of the air. These facts have been confirmed by the results
of naval and air battles off the coast of Norway, in the Skagerrak, in the
North Sea, off the coast of Greece, and in the vicinity of Sicily and Crete.
Wherever sea power and air power have clashed during this war, there is not
a single instance where sea power has won.

It was obvious, before the war started, that Germany had by far
the strongest air force in Europe, and that air power could strike across the
English channel and behind the Maginot line, regardless of the strength of the
British navy or the French Army. These facts, too, have been confirmed by the developments of the war.

It was obvious that aviation, and the mechanization of ground forces, among other elements, placed Germany among others in a stronger position under Hitler than France was in under Napoleon.

It was obvious that England lay within idea bombing range of aircraft based on the continent of Europe, and that her sea lanes could be harassed both by submarines and bombing planes. German objectives, on the other hand, were farther removed from bases in the British Isles; so that even if England and Germany had equal numbers of fighting planes the advantage would still lie with Germany.

It was just as obvious that the great distance across the ocean placed America outside the effective bombing range of European aircraft, and that even if it were possible to establish European air bases in South America which I believe we can prevent, the United States would still be outside of their effective bombing range.

After I had traveled through the various nations of Europe and Asia, I came to the conclusion that there were two, and only two, great and natural air powers in the world at this time—the United States, in the western hemisphere, and Germany, in the eastern hemisphere. I was convinced that neither was in a position to attack the other successfully across the ocean unless an internal collapse preceded an invasion. It seems clear to me that the quickest way for Germany to lose the war would be to attack America and that the quickest way for America to lose a war would be to attack Germany.

By way of illustration suppose we should follow the lead of the interventionists and enter a war against Germany. In that case, we must send the great bulk of our armies, and supplies, and fuel, across the Atlantic ocean on ships—ships that would have to be built, for there are not enough in existence today. The vulnerability of the shipping to bombing planes, raiders and submarines, has already been shown by British losses. Our convoys would be harassed in the Atlantic by Germany, and possibly in the Pacific by Japan at the same time. And under this harassment by bombing planes, raider and submarine we would have to find some way of forcing a landing, on a hostile coast. We would have to force a landing against the prepared positions of the same army and air force that broke the Maginot line and overcame the British, French and Belgian armies combined. We might easily find ourselves fighting, at one and the same time, the military forces of Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Japan and other nations, with the natural resources of Russia available to them. And it is not at all inconceivable that before this war is over, England herself may turn against us, as she has turned against France and Finland. Reasons are always found to justify whatever action a nation takes in time of war. It was no more improbable in 1939 that England would turn against Finland and France, than it is today that she will turn against us if
it becomes expedient to her welfare in the future. If you question my words now, I ask only that you read a history of the relationships between the United States and England during the last hundred and fifty years, and that you combine with this a re-reading of the pledges of everlasting loyalty that took place between England and France less than two years ago. If you will do this, I believe you will agree with me that we must depend upon ourselves and ourselves only, for our security in the future.

Now instead of following the lead of the interventionists, suppose we concentrate on our own defenses, as I have advocated, since long before this war began. I have maintained that if we attend properly to our own defense, no European or Asiatic power will dare to attack us; and that if we attend properly to our own affairs, none will desire to. But suppose that the fears of the interventionists come true, and we are attacked. In that case it would be our enemy, and not we, who would have to force a landing on a hostile coast. It would be our enemy, and not we, who would have to maintain supply lines across the ocean against the harassment of our bombing planes, submarines, and our battleships. In that case, we could use our own aviation to the utmost advantage, concentrating it within a few hours at any point on our shores, and basing it on established and well-equipped air fields. If the British navy with its bases strung out from Alexandria to Scapa Flow—if that navy with Gibraltar and Malta to assist it, cannot remain within bombing range of the European coast, then how can any navy, or any combination of navies, cross the ocean, and without a single base in this hemisphere, land an expeditionary force on American shores?

Instead of reducing the value of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans from the standpoint of our security, aviation makes them more important than ever before. Air power practically removes the danger of attack by sea; and the oceans themselves prevent effective attacks by air.

Let us take advantage of this fact. Let us take advantage of the changes that aircraft and this modern era bring to nations and to men. Let us use these changes to our advantage, and not permit them to be used against us. They can either strengthen our American independence, and add to the quality of our western civilization, or they can take us back into the endless wars and quarrels of the old world. The nation that makes use of these advantages will survive, and the nation which fails to understand them is certain to fall. The choice is the test of America, and the way of life we have built up in this new world.

We have the most perfect defensive position of any nation. We have highly developed industries, and an entire hemisphere full of natural resources. Here in America we have developed new standards of life and a new civilization; and our forefathers fought for the right to do so. Our entire national tradition is based on independence. Shall we now give up the independence we have won, and crusade abroad in a utopian attempt to force our
ideas on the rest of the world, or shall we use air power, and other advances of modern warfare, to guard and strengthen the independence of our nation; shall we sell our American birthright for the mess of pottage that is offered us in Europe and Asia today, or shall we preserve for our children the free and independent heritage that our forefathers passed on to us?

The America First Committee is an organization of men and women who stand firmly opposed to merging our future with that of any foreign land. We stand for a united nation behind an impregnable defense and an independent destiny for America. We stand for American traditions -- for the right of free citizens to meet, and to discuss the issues that confront their nation; for the right to know about, and to vote upon, the fundamental policies of our government. We stand for the right of those who will do the paying and the dying to also have a voice in the deciding.

If you stand with us, we ask you to join our committee. Our strength is growing in every section of the country. But we need your assistance here in Oklahoma. We need your assistance that freedom and independence and representative government, may continue to live in this nation.

Senator BURTON K. WHEELER reiterated his opposition to active participating in the present war and scorned alleged propaganda, "just like that used in the last war." Senator WHEELER attacked the action of the City Council and stated, "I am glad the people of this state don't feel about CHARLES LINDBERG as your city council does. There isn't a more honest, decent, patriotic man in America." Turning to national affairs the Senator declared himself, "opposed to every kind of 'ism' except Americanism, even if you must call it New Dealism." WHEELER further declared "our boys would have to be sent to all parts of the world, to police India, China and other places and I am not in favor of sending American boys to die on the battlefields of Europe or Asia. If we go to Europe to save democracy again, we are likely to lose it in this country."

Membership cards were distributed in this rally by the America First Committee, 408 Perrine Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. On the back of this membership card are the principles of the local organization:

1. Our first duty is to keep America out of foreign wars. Our entry would only destroy democracy, not save it. "The path to war is a false path to freedom."

2. Not by acts of war abroad but by preserving and extending democracy at home can we aid democracy and freedom in other lands.

3. In 1917 we sent our American ships into the war zone and this led us to war. In 1941 we must keep our naval convoys and merchant vessels...
on this side of the Atlantic.

4. We must build a defense, for our own shores, so strong that no foreign power or combination of powers can invade our country by sea, air or land.

5. Humanitarian aid is the duty of a strong, free country at peace. With proper safeguard for the distribution of supplies, we should feed and clothe the suffering and needy people of England, the other democracies and the occupied countries.

On August 30, 1941, LOUIS EVERETT McELROY, 1103 Ramsey Tower Building, Oklahoma City advised that he had been one of the members of the American Legion to appear before the City Council protesting the use of the Municipal Auditorium for use by CHARLES A LINDBERGH on behalf of the America First Committee. McELROY further advised that the City Council is composed of the following members:

A. P. VAN METER, JOE C. CAMPBELL, SALTY FULLERTON
HARLAN GERS, LEONARD H. DICKERSON, L. I. BAKER
PERCY JONES, G. A. STARK

Mr. McELROY stated that Mrs. W. A. McKEEVER was the only person to appear before the City Council who spoke in favor of granting the use of the municipal auditorium to the America First Committee. McELROY further stated that Councilman JOE CAMPBELL inquired of all those persons who were protesting the use of this auditorium to LINDBERGH if they had considered the possibility of getting the situation reversed and of giving to LINDBERGH additional favorable publicity by denying him the right to use the auditorium. McELROY said that A. P. VAN METER, Councilman was opposed to LINDBERGH's using the auditorium because of the tenor of LINDBERGH's previous remarks which indicated a tendency toward subversive activities. A motion was made that the Mayor be instructed to deny the use of this Municipal Auditorium to LINDBERGH for the purpose of making a speech which might be considered subversive in nature. Mayor H. A. HEPNER, inquired as to whether the motion should be voted upon in secret or openly; since there was no reply to this inquiry Mayor HEPNER stated all those who would vote in the negative would signify their intention and since there was no indication of any negative votes being cast, Mayor HEPNER stated that all the votes would be cast in the affirmative to deny LINDBERGH the use of the municipal auditorium on the occasion of August 29, 1941.

TICE T. JOHNSON who had rented the auditorium was instructed to return the rental fee to the America First Committee, according to the statement that McELROY made. McELROY related that HERBERT K. HYDE, who is chairman of the America First Committee in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma is a republican seeking much publicity. McELROY further related that he had been secretary to former senator W. V. FINE of the State of Oklahoma and later
through the influence of FINE was made USA. McElroy recalled that HYDE as United States Attorney had prosecuted the Urschel case. Mr. McElroy believed that HYDE was radical in his ideas and had noted that he had been constantly opposed to the administration policies.

By letter of August 25, 1941, confidential informant A advised as follows:

"A reliable source has reported that German groups around New York have received instructions to advise parents of men serving under the Selective Service Draft to tell their sons to prepare petitions to Senator Wheeler, protesting against their retention in the armed forces more than a year period. The suggestion is to have the men form groups or clubs for this purpose. Such petitions are to be sent to the President and Senator Wheeler. It is to be pointed out that the soldiers need not fear punishment for this, after what happened at Fort Dix where the General announced a pardon. (Presumably refers to newspaper statements by Major General Clifford Powell, in command of the 44th Division, Fort Dix, N. J.) The groups meet in taverns in the prosperous suburbs around New York, in Westchester County and Connecticut. Active support for the America First Committee is also advocated. It is known that the America First Committee leaders are nervous over the shortage of operating funds, which has recently resulted in paid workers being laid off. The support of the German organizations and the funds they provide is therefore of vital importance to the America First Committee and gives them prestige and power in this work.

That the America First Committee is being used, consciously or otherwise, to do the work of German interests in obstructing the national defense effort is indicated by the above and other items of information. One of these items is that the German Library of Information mailing list has been made available to the America First Committee and used for their purposes."

On July 2, 1941 the Tulsa Tribune published an article which stated that DON LOEBECK scheduled a meeting for the Tulsa Chapter of the America First Committee at 8:00 pm July 11, 1941 in room 211 of the Albany Hotel. In this article it is further stated that LOEBECK had said that Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota who had spearheaded the Committee's program of non-interventionist in the European war probably will come to Tulsa to address a mass meeting to be planned by the local committee. On August 21, 1941 Rev. O.A. Pankey acting chairman of the America First Committee, Tulsa, attempted, with the assistance of W. S. Foulis, to make arrangements with the Mayo Hotel for operations to conduct a meeting of this committee, but such arrangements were unsuccessful. On August 25, 1941 the Tulsa Tribune published an article that Charles Lindbergh might be booked for a peace lecture while in the state for his Oklahoma City address. This article further stated that Reverend PANKEY, temporary chairman, advised: (1) The committee had abandoned efforts to secure a room in the Mayo Hotel for the meeting and obtained permission to use one of the district court rooms instead. (2) Disclaimed any intention of serving as promised chairman permanently for the America First Committee with the statement "I don't have time." In the article
Reverend PANKKEY is quoted as stating that some forty Tulsans had been invited by telephone to attend the meeting which will be purposely for the business of electing permanent officers. The Tulsa World on August 26, 1941 published an article which stated that MACK SHRÖDES former republican Police and Fire Commissioner was elected chairman of the America First Committee, Tulsa Chapter, at a meeting at the court house Monday night. This article relates that only about 30 persons turned out for the meeting that out of these thirty, fourteen signed up for membership in the America First Group. In an article appearing in the Tulsa Tribune August 30, 1941 MACK SHRÖDES, Chairman, Tulsa America First Committee is quoted as saying he would like to secure Senator BENNETT CHAPMAN CLARK for a meeting in Tulsa on September 17. SHRÖDES is further quoted as saying in this article that CHARLES LINDBERGH and Senator BURTON K. WHEELER were invited to speak there but were forced to decline due to the other many engagements which they had. In the Tulsa Tribune on September 2, 1941 is an article which states that the America First Committee may stage a membership campaign in Tulsa on following up the cards signed at Tulsa meeting and by Tulsans at the CHARLES LINDBERGH speech in Oklahoma City on August 29, 1941. This article also stated that MACK SHRÖDES, Committee Chairman will go over new organization records tonight with Mrs. ALEXANDER and RUTH RODIE, Secretary and Treasurer. SHRÖDES is quoted further as stating that W. S. FOULIS, Chicago Secretary and Organizer would be here soon to help outline the committee's program.

The following information concerning the activities of the America First Committee in Tulsa, Oklahoma:

July 14, 1941 meeting of the America First Committee was held tonight at 8:00 pm in the Baldwin Methodist Church, 2200 Block on North Frankfort, with about 45 women and seven men attending. Among this group there were four men with the Reverend SMITH group and three men from the A.P.M. and later two married couples joined the group. DONLUBBOKK St. Louis organizer opened the meeting stating that his committee group had intended forming a chapter in Tulsa and raising funds to get the Hon. Senator WHEELER there for an open air meeting. LUBBOCK then introduced attorney MEAD of the Oklahoma City Branch. MEAD asked for funds several times and although no money was offered he reiterated his former statement that the "best insurance against further war is to finance this committee." Mrs. COKE of the Tulsa Peace Council, Reverend PANKKEY and Miss AMY COMSTOCK from the pro-American group not present. In all instances "they are out of town," with excuses. The literature distributed in these meetings was the usual type, carried in the general stock of the America First Committee.

That he had attended several of the A.P.M. meetings in New York and had been a delegate to the Emergency Peace Conference in Chicago last fall when the A.P.M. was organised and the reason for his not remaining with the A.P.M. was not the fact that they are too radical but that he had been offered a position with the America First Committee and took this as there is a direct livelihood while the A.P.M. was financially un...
substantial at that time and it could not offer him even the most essential expenses while the America First Committee had the necessary finances to carry on. He further stated that there may be some communists even among the America First Committee and said that Oklahoma City has its share of this class of people and as long as they are not taking advantage of the general membership there is no cause to be complaining against them, and they will retain them as bonafide members as the America First Committee is not taking any responsibility for the many other activities of its members but only the peace angle. In further conversation LUBBOCK made specific mention of the CIO oil workers union, stating "I have had several minor conferences with Mr. HAYS on the Washington Side here and was promised that active cooperation directly from the union was impossible as they are divided on this peace conference but they are doing everything in their power to encourage and have memberships for joining our committee and I look for a satisfactory response among the oil workers." The meeting concluded at 10:00 pm with FERRMIE remaining in conference with MEAD who had been invited by him to his home on their return from Bartlesville in order to further the interest of the Peace Tendancy Movement. Even DON LUBBOCK seemed to take a great interest in this movement.

July 18, 1941.

A close search for DON LUBBOCK, Organizer for the America First Committee was of no avail because neither he nor MEAD were in town. Miss HOWARD said she was not contacted at all by them as promised and a call to Mrs. A. E. COOKE, President of the Tulsa Peace Conference disclosed that she had received a letter from LUBBOCK asking that she attend the meeting last Monday but she had a previous engagement and was not interested in the America First Committee. Mrs. FERGUSON the columnist for the Tulsa Tribune evening paper said through a telephone conversation that she will be willing to act as Chairman if Senator WHEELER will come and speak but she doesn't want to line herself in the open with any specific group. Mrs. FERGUSON further stated that while she is willing to work for peace she likes to do it through her own efforts and her column and not through the dictates of any organization.

Miss AMY COMSTOCK of the Women's American Group said that she is very busy in her own way and expressed herself as well gratified of the results of the Tulsa Tribune Peace Poll which showed that 86% of the population is against any open warfare with anyone. She said "This will give a little more leeway in coming out in the open and while I don't like the America First Group coming here and trying to steal the limelight I still maintain that we can well handle the situation as far as peace is concerned. We are sure that the working people are essential in any group or drive and we have prepared an appeal to the various labor groups for cooperation.

August 20, 1941.

After the announcement in the morning issue of the Tulsa World of the second effort to organize the America First Committee called on Reverend PANKEY for an explanation as to why he was omitted from these calls.
ferences as LUBBOCK had requested that the A.P.M. members
be present when selecting an executive committee. The Rev. PANKKY said,
"There were no real conferences held so far except that he was called
upon to act as chairman pro tem in the coming meeting" and the Reverend
PANKKY said that "Reverend PETRICK and Reverend SMITH had accepted the honor
to sit on the stage with me so that I will not look like the sponsor of this
movement." PANKKY said that "Miss HOWARD agreed to act as secretary pro tem
so that notes will be made and there shall be no hitch in stating the meet-
ing and we certainly hope to get a larger crowd than we got in church on
that Monday night and hope to have you there with the rest of the A.P.M. mem-
ers.

Later in the day [redacted] was about to get in touch with PERRINE
to get a statement from him concerning the America First Committee and
PERRINE admitted that he had been contacted last week by the group but not
for the purpose of offering him some position in the executive committee but
only for the purpose of getting a good speaker in Tulsa. PERRINE was asked
to try and get one of the AMERINGERS from Oklahoma City to attend this meet-
ing. PERRINE stated that he had first written his father and asked his
advice regarding the America First Movement and got a very favorable reply.
In fact, his father had urged him to turn all his power and influence to fur-
ther this organization which is backing their "Pure Democracy Issue."
PERRINE further stated that he went to Oklahoma City and found that OSCAR
AMERINGER is still too ill to appear in any program while young AMERINGER
(the son) is away from the city and is not expected back until the last of the
month.

PERRINE advised that he had notified the Reverend PETRICK with
whom he is on friendly terms of those conditions and was told that no speaker
will be necessary to get all the people to the meeting he can however, in order
to make a showing and he promised even the B.I.A. to attend and has personally
communicated with LARKIN and TOWNSENDITES groups to attend and got in touch
with FROSS to urge the largest attendance possible at this important meeting.

Mrs. DORIS WEST came into the picture today with an announce-
ment that she will attend the Oklahoma City Youth Legislature meeting on
Labor Day and incidentally mentioned the America First Committee, the Rev.
PANKKY as being holy pacifists, Rev. PETRICK as one who has no stand at all,
Rev. SMITH as anti-semitic who has no peace stand at all and that Nazi
sympathies are without bearing on the general peace situation. Mrs. WEST
further announced, "If the American First Committee, including General WOOD
has so many different aims among the leaders there is certainly no future for
them and the names of those honest leaders whose sacrifices are holding up
the committee are bound to fall when the crucial moment arrives." She also
spoke of the A.P.M. mentioning the last release she had received from the
national office urged that immediate material be sent to Russia to relieve the
strain of the Russian production of war materials. This infuriated Mrs. WEST
and she wrote to them to discontinue sending her material for distribution.
She lauded, however, their efforts and would aid them in any way possible to
August 28, 1941.

The scheduled meeting of the America First Committee was held on the second floor of the county Court, Corner of 6th & Boulder with only the guests present which included 54 people of whom only nine were women. The Reverend PANKEY, GEORGE FOULIS, Special representative of the Chicago Chapter of the America First Committee and Rev. SMITH were on the platform when PANKEY opened the meeting explaining briefly that the America First Committee is exactly what the word stands for; namely to defend America first.

PANKEY went into a lengthy history of his family, as well as his own personal history, making it look like an alibi for his presence at the meeting. He then introduced FOULIS who went into a lengthy explanation as to what the America First Committee stands for and what they have accomplished and stated that they earnestly hope to keep this country out of any foreign entanglements, including war. He eulogized LINDBERGH and WHEELER as those who are sacrificing their career and their futures in order to accomplish the aims of this committee. He then went into lengthy plea for support of this committee in Tulsa and finally asked for the nomination of a permanent chairman. Both Rev. PANKEY and Rev. SMITH who were nominated declined in favor of MACK SHERODES and promised support from them if he would accept the nomination which he did after a brief discussion with FOULIS. SHERODES made an acceptance speech expressing confidence in the movement and asking for cooperation for all those present. Included in the audience was RAYMOND ANDERSON, who butted into the speech that FOULIS made asking how the America First Committee stands on supporting the Russian Peace in defense of their country. FOULIS explained that they are for aiding all democracies in Europe and they would have no love for any Nazi, Fascist or any other didactic or dictatorial power, however, he sidestepped the real question of Anderson's. Very conspicuously the O.Y.L and the A.F.P.L members have been absent from the meeting although Miss HOWARD said that all of them have been called on the telephone asking them to be present at the meeting tonight and that she expected about 50 people to be present all of whom she had called. The following permanent committee was elected:

MACK SHERODES, Chairman
MRS. FESSEL, Secretary
MISS HOWARD, Treasurer

Executive Committee

REV. SMITH
REV. TETTICK
GEORGE FERRIER

There was much discussion about going to Oklahoma City on Friday to hear the address by CHARLES A. LINDBERGH and a delegation was announced from this chapter to be accompanied by others who were willing to go. No comment was had from anyone present regarding this meeting and most of those present as shown had a rather optimistic view regarding the success of the
movement in Tulsa. There is some dissention existing already among those who have favored the America First Committee as the following statement will show. A fellow named JACKSON who has an insurance office in the Thompson Building, said, "I would have opposed the presence of Reverend SMITH at this or any other meeting of the America First Committee because he has been identified with the KKK and the Silver Shirts and every other radical movement including Anti-Semitism. Although I have no real love for the Jews I don't try to persecute them and I don't go around preaching against them. In this case I don't think that Reverend SMITH at this or any other time should be included in any official capacity because that is going to hurt more than any good he may expect to do and I doubt that I ought to be in it with him."

Another fellow named PARKS expresses similar sentiments regarding this Reverend SMITH and PARKS added that he, SMITH, has been very anti-labor and that it therefore, will be hard to interest the laboring classes in this movement. PARKS further stated that the working men in the Tulsa District are determined to follow the lead of the City Administration which is far from being pacific or far from having any peace tendencies, for the population according to PARKS is strongly pro-British, therefore, it is going to be a real problem to put the America First Committee on the market there.

On August 30, 1941 at 7:30 pm there were 47 persons in the hall at a meeting of the Oklahoma Youth Legislature including four negroes; with the arrival of MACK SHRODES at 7:50 pm the meeting was called to order by BOB STONE with the introduction of four participants in the symposium. MISS DOROTHY MURDOCK, representative of the fellowship of reconciliation, was the first. GEORGE CHURCHILL, leader of the Bundles for Britain group was second. MACK SHRODES, Tulsa Chairman of the America First Committee was the third, and LENORE WOLFE, Executive Secretary of the OIL was the last speaker. MACK SHRODES explained that he was not prepared to make an address but asked permission to read GEORGE WASHINGTON's address and asked those present to get a copy of it and read and study it and they would find that this country has no moral right to intervene in Europe's affairs. At this Oklahoma Youth Legislature meeting it was found that there occurred a heated argument regarding LINDBERGH and his recent Oklahoma City speech in which he failed to mention anything about the Nazis. MACK SHRODES now head of America First Group in Tulsa defended LINDBERGH, WHEELER and others claiming that their stand is the stand of the majority of American public, and reiterated the much publicized statement that 80% of the American public does not want any European intervention. He then left the meeting stating he had another engagement to keep.

The writer ascertained from KATHRYN WATSON, Secretary of the State's Office, Oklahoma State Capitol, Oklahoma City that the America First Committee is not registered, incorporated, or licensed in the State of Oklahoma.
UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Bartlesville, Oklahoma, will determine the activities of the America First Committee in that city.

At Norman, Oklahoma, will determine the activities, if any, of the America First Committee in that city.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, will determine the subsequent activities of the America First Committee and also the background of MACK SHRODES, Mrs. GESEL and Miss HOWARD.

At Ponca City, Oklahoma, will determine the activities, if any, of the America First Committee in that city.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will determine the subsequent activities of the America First Committee and will check the background of HERBET. HYDE.
Confidential Informant A
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KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES
SAMUEL C. STOUCHE, 3rd, Grand Dragon

Synopsis of facts: Copies of correspondence and various documents with regard to the Klan and their activities in Philadelphia obtained from BUCKE M. TARRITT, Chief Investigator for the Klan in Philadelphia and vicinity. Activities of SAMUEL C. STOUCHE, 3rd, Grand Dragon, and forth and the file reviewed on Klan activities.

References: Bureau file #65-106
Exhibit 48: Sets forth copy of letter of resignation dated September 27, 1940, submitted by the Philadelphia Klansman and letter dated August 24, 1940, to the George Washington Klansman by the New Jersey Klansman, in which he stated that the recent activities in the State of New Jersey by the Klans were un-American and also of a recent letter to Colonel Charles A. Limberger who is believed to be nothing more than an agent of Nazi Germany, and in view of this he felt it was fitting and proper to tender a resignation.
June 8-41

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

To introduce myself, refer to your file or your letter dated Jan. 10-1941.

As you see by the enclosed, I am supposed to be a Nazi. My first impulse was to reply the false accusation in public in self-defense, but the idea occurred to me that this accusation, and, because of my birth, and, because of my attitude, I might be in some way able to use this situation in the interests of the United States of America. I am neither in search of glory, nor compensation. If I can be of service of any kind, anytime, anywhere, do not hesitate to command —
Hon. John Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

s.c.
DR. FUAD HANNA, PROMINENT MIAMI PHYSICIAN X-POSED AS A NAZI!—Read Page Three
Bombs May Fall
On Us Tomorrow

Read this thoughtfully: It isn't a threat. It's a warning, or an irresponsible warning!

German "tourists" in the United States during the last week have been violating the nation's airspace and have been subjected to public ridicule.

Some of these "tourists" have been sighted in New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. They have been observed in all parts of the country, including the Midwest and the West.

The German Government has warned its citizens against such activities, but the American public has not been informed of these warnings.

In addition to the "tourists," there are also reports of German submarines and aircraft operating in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coast of Florida.

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(Chief Staff Writer)

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Ships are being sunk on both sides and both backs are going down in the deep—ALL THE SHOOTING IS NOT GERMAN.

We are moving the drowning of British ships.

We shall in due course of time, load the German and Italian ships.

B. H. BOND BLISS, chief staff writer, is in a damnable fix, you know. He's got to produce a newspaper in this; he's got to produce a newspaper at all. He's got to produce a newspaper at all.

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This picture was taken in Germany in 1933 during the “February Break” of the National Socialist German Workers’ Party (Nazi) in Germany. It is one of the many images that have been used to depict the rise of the Nazi party and its impact on Germany. The photo shows a group of men in uniform, with the swastika and other symbols prominent in the background.

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Sincerely,

Jackson Lytell

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R.J.C.

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**Hitler’s Henchmen in America**

Dr. Paul Heinrich, a prominent Nazi physician, has been named as the new head of the Berlin Jewish Hospital. Heinrich was a member of the Nazi party and had a reputation for his medical expertise. His appointment is a cause for concern among the Jewish community and other groups who oppose the Nazi regime.

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**X-Marks the Spot—They Tell Me That**

Mrs. McGraw (Late Column) was in town last week visiting her daughter, who is attending college. She brought with her a beautiful necklace that she had purchased in Paris. The necklace was made of precious stones and was worth a considerable amount of money. Mrs. McGraw was pleased with her purchase and expressed her gratitude to the jeweler who had helped her.

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Convicted criminal, alien and gun smuggler, a man who on many occasions brutally slugged his employees with a savaged baseball bat—recently released from the 'Big House' (Federal Penitentiary, personal release and a new address to "General" Nym, Blanchard II of the defunct Reclusive White Front of Carol Gabler, Willard Campbell is now attempting to organize a new racket-a racket based on racial and religious bigotry—His "Honorocratic News," official organ of the Dade Honorocratic Club is open to Jewish merchants. But his organization will not accept an American of the Jewish Faith.

Every Friday at his weekly vocationals he can be seen sporting a brown shirt, brown trousers, a black coat in hand—strikingly similar to Hitler's band of murder-suicides.

A PATRIOTIC ESTABLISHMENT MANNING'S SEA FOOD GRILL
INVESTIGATOR

One day last week the German Society "Kaffenhoffs" met, as usual, at Manning's for its weekly ritual.

Frau Prince, the wife of the Paramount theatre film operator, was there. At the meeting, she was talking about her husband's activities, and about the film company. She then turned to the radio announcer and dropped the fact that she had been a Nazi to the audience. No one paid attention to her.

Manning also introduced Mrs. Henriette Herman, Nasi Frau No. 2 of Greater Miami. She had a lot of money and was the manager of the company.

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Miami, Florida

July 23, 1941

Dear [Name]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 28, 1941, with enclosure, for which I am most appreciative.

Your kind offer of assistance has been noted with interest and I want you to know that you, as a civilian, can help by bringing to the attention of this Bureau any information which you believe of value concerning the internal security of our country.

Should you obtain possession of any such data, please feel free to communicate directly with Mr. E. O. Dermer, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, 1300 Biscayne Building, Miami, Florida.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Miami, Florida
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Refuse economic or moral aid to Nazi Germany, the enemy of civilization.
Also, I'm told that Lindbergh was a regular visitor to Hart's office until the publicity made it dangerous...

Our new bulletin will be out later, with a chart showing the similarity between Fascism, Communism and Nazism. Will send you a copy, of course.

Refuse economic or moral aid to Nazi Germany, the enemy of civilization.
Refuse economic or moral aid to Nazi Germany, the enemy of civilization.
December 26, 1942

Dear Walter:

The enclosed release, which I sent you, was not used, as I expected. Possibly you might want to use something like the following, Sunday night:

"Why are mailing lists of the recently dissolved 'America First' Committee still being used to circularize former members in New York? George W. Corso, formerly active in the Committee, who now calls himself President of the Royal Copperheads of America, has been sending out Christmas cards from the Copperheads to ex-members. (The Anti-Nazi League has protested to Attorney General Francis Biddle on the grounds that these lists are being used possibly to lay a groundwork for future guerrilla conflict on the propaganda front in America.)

"On the West Coast, the National Copperhead, composed of followers of Charles A. Lindbergh, was found and headed by Ellis C. Jones, a writer for the official organ of the Nazi Bund. Jones was recently freed by the F.B.I. after investigation. Even after the war, he made speeches attacking the President along his usual Nazi lines."

Here's something else you might want to use if the news from the Philippines should be bad: Didn't the America First Committee say it was impossible for our territory to be invaded?....

Rose Bigman told me that she was getting that letter I asked you for. I want to thank you most sincerely for it.

I hope you realize that my reason for not telling you is honestly because I feel so sure of being able to do a real job in Army or Navy Intelligence or Public Relations. I've concentrated on this anti-Nazi field for more than three years and it's almost as if I'd deliberately trained for propaganda activity when war broke.
I want terribly to get a chance to do what I know best.

I'm trying one more angle, having written today to Lt. Comm. Tuthill, explaining my background. I don't even know if he'll see the letter, of course, but I'm hoping.

If there is anything you can do (and this is the last time I'll bring it up) I would be eternally grateful.

Once again, my thanks for your past help.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Joseph Kleinfield

F.S. I just phoned Tuthill's office and was told that I may be able to see Liet. Deal this afternoon. (Eni)

Do you know him?
INVESTIGATION OF USE OF "AMERICA FIRST"
MAILING LISTS ASKED BY NON-SECTARIAN ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE

Charging that mailing lists of the recently dissolved "America First" Committee are "still being used by some individuals and groups, possibly to lay a groundwork for future guerrilla conflict on the propaganda front in America," wired Attorney General Francis Biddle asking that he inquire into the disposal of "America First" mailing lists and institute an investigation of the "Loyal Copperheads of America."

The League is in possession of copies of a Christmas greeting folder printed with the signature the "Loyal Copperheads of America," headed by a former active "America First" worker. This folder was sent out during the first few days of this week as a Christmas greeting to former active members of the "America First" Committee in New York. Persons receiving this Christmas card, the League revealed, had been previously active in "America First," though never members of the "Copperheads."

The name "Copperheads" was adopted last fall by a group composed of followers of Charles A. Lindbergh. On the West Coast it is known as the "National Copperheads," headed and founded by Elize C. Jones, a writer for the Deutscher Beobachter, now defunct organ of the German-American Bund, who was recently under investigation by the Department of Justice after he had made a speech, following the declaration of war, violently assailing President Roosevelt. The Deutscher Beobachter on several occasions urged its members to join the Copperheads. Copperhead literature was widely distributed at many "America First" meetings, earlier in the year.

Photostats of the card and envelope have been sent to Attorney General Biddle. Excerpts from the wire to Biddle follow:

"We respectfully urge that you institute an investigation of how the mailing lists of the now dissolved "America First" Committee were disposed of and in whose possession they now are. We have reason to believe that these lists are still being used by some individuals and groups, possibly to lay a groundwork for future guerrilla conflict on the propaganda front in America."

"Inasmuch as the Committee is supposed to have been completely
disbanded and dissolved by its leaders, we feel that an investigation at this juncture is called for. The Loyal Copperheads, headed by a former "America First" official, is composed of followers of Charles A. Lindbergh. On the West Coast, under the name of the National Copperheads, the group has consistently cooperated with open Nazis and is still active. Its founder is Ellis O. Jones, recently arrested and released by your Department. Jones, as you know, was a writer for the Deutscher Wochruf und Verbrechter, the organ of the Nazi Bund, which, incidentally, on several occasions urged its members to join the Copperheads."

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102 - 10773 - 3
On December 6, 1940, at a testimonial dinner of the Communist Party was the principal speaker and is reported as having attacked everything except the Soviet Union and its officials, denouncing HITLER as a dictator and calling President ROOSEVELT, Governor JAMES, Mr. KNUDSON of the O. P. M., CHARLES LINDBERGH, CHURCHILL, the Pope, and RICHARD FRANKENSTEIN all "HITLER stooges". He declared that Governor JAMES and President ROOSEVELT were acting as stooges when they sent troops to intimidate the strikers. He is further reported to have declared that the Communist Party would change its policy at any time it sees fit to defend the worker and that prior to the entrance of Russia into the war, it was an imperialist one incited by capitalists, but that the capitalists made a mistake in inciting HITLER to attack the Soviet Union. He indicated that the Communist Party would change its policy every day, if necessary, in order to provide a policy that was consistently for the worker.
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WILLIAM E. DETTWILER, JR., JR.

CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
Subject's home searched after obtaining written permission. Search reveals Subject took interest in America-First activities and other isolationists' activities prior to war; likewise possessed anti-Jewish propaganda; is follower of works of late German General LUDENDORFF, whose books were banned in Germany subsequent to HITLER's advent to power.

REFERENCE:
Report of Special Agent W. E. DETTWILER, JR., Los Angeles, California, June 1, 1942.

DETAILS:
The articles taken from Subject's home, pursuant to the written permission mentioned above, are as follows:

(4) A ticket to the reserve section of the Hollywood Bowl to the America-First Committee Peace and Preparedness mass meeting on June 20, 1941, at which the principal speakers were Colonel CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, KATHLEEN BORRIS, and United States Senator D. WORTH CLARK.
(9) A news clipping from the Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express, dated August 17, 1940, entitled "Mexican Secretary of State Destroys Lindbergh's picture."
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100-18078-7
The Black Dispatch, published by ROSCOE DUNJEE in Oklahoma City, while not subversive in content, strongly parallels the policies and tenets of the Communist Party.

The Black Dispatch is published every Wednesday at 324 East Second Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by The Black Dispatch Publishing Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and lists as advertising representative, W. B. Ziff Company, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Rochester, Kansas City and Lagos, Gold Coast, Africa. The Black Dispatch is a member of the Associated Negro Press. While this publication cannot be said to be definitely subversive, since it would be obviously detrimental to its future to have such documentary evidence published. It is quite significant that its editorials and other articles strongly parallel the Communist policies and tenets.
In this issue is also contained an article which states that the N.A.A.C.P. takes up the fight for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters who were refused work in the Tulsa Bomber Plant. This issue also carries advertisement of free speech in Oklahoma by Colonel CHARLES A. LINDBERGH and U. S. Senator BURTON K. WHEELER on August 29, 1941 on behalf of the American First Committee.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

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October 24, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM COMMITTEE;
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a press release of THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM COMMITTEE relative to the activities of MISS GERTRUDE LAWRENCE, well-known actress, in refusing to accept a medal from the FINNISH RELIEF FUND, INC.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH, Assistant Director

Enclosure

cc - New York file 65-3137
Miss Gertrude Lawrence, star of "Lady in the Dark" has refused to accept a medal proffered by the Finnish government through the Finnish Relief Fund headed by ex-President Herbert Hoover because that government "is now the vassal of Nazi Germany", Fight for Freedom learned today.

An announcement sent a copy of her letter to the Finnish Relief Fund, Inc. to Bishop Henry W. Hobson. Her letter of refusal follows:

October 14, 1941

Finnish Relief Fund, Inc.
420 Lexington Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

The Finnish Government, through your organization, has offered me a medal because I helped to raise money for the relief of the Finnish people in 1939--1940.

There are few things that I would rather have than a medal from those brave, simple folk. It makes me sad that I must refuse this offer made in their name, but in reality made by a Government which is now the vassal of Nazi Germany. For I cannot help being convinced that it is one more case in which the Government of a small country is being used by the Nazis in an attempt to make people of good will and humanity appear to endorse the actions of the Nazi regime. My creed has always been that expressed by my Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, when he said, "Any man or state that fights against Nazism will have our aid. Any man or state that marches with Hitler is our foe."

Very truly yours

(signed) GERTRUDE LAWRENCE

Bishop Hobson commented: "I know how deeply concerned Miss Lawrence was with the ethical problems involved in making her decision. Her action is in decided contrast to that of Charles Lindbergh who has no scruples about keeping his Nazi decoration."

The offer of the Finnish medal came to Miss Lawrence through Ferrin C. Galpin, Secretary of the Finnish Relief Fund, in a letter sent on October 6th.
To say that the international affairs of this organization were in a turmoil would be putting it mildly.

In the Chicago area, the "Fight for Freedom Committee" has set up a pretty fine organization to fight America First. On one side we find Colonel McCormick of the Chicago Tribune, Harry Cung and the Dilling women, and on the other side is Professor Albert Parry. The point is that the America First Committee is endeavoring to smear the Fight for Freedom group as being a Communist. This has caused the America First group to search everywhere for any sort of evidence that they can find to be a little Parry and his cohorts.

In the New York area, the situation is terrible, simply because Lindbergh and Senator Twee have started their open attack on the Jews. All of the Jewish money that was forthcoming to the America First has practically stopped, and the suspicion is that about the only funds they are getting in from some big source possibly comes from Colonel Law, the executive head of the Sun Oil Company.

It is understood that John T. Flynn, the New York leader among the Catholics and the America First, has served an ultimatum on the New York committee that if Lindbergh does not resign, he will then resign the New York chapter chairmanship. Norman Thomas is reported to have given the National Committee two weeks for Lindbergh to resign or he will stop his walk.
tour for the committee. Every Jewish group in New York from the very lowest has received instructions to "crack down" on America First, and this is going to cause a repercussion that may do more harm to the Lindbergh crowd than anything that has come up of late.

Dorothy Dunbar Bromley, the noted liberal writer, has resigned from the committee and now it appears as though Kathryn Lewis and Mrs. Burton K. Wheeler are really the whips of the organization. Flynn flew to Chicago and had a "rough-house show-down" with the National Committee last week, but as yet the committee has not changed its attitude in connection with Lindbergh.
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refers to LINDBERGH, Father COULHAN and MOONEY as being the Benedict Arnolds serving the German Government in the United States. It states that MOONEY attended a dinner given by VESTRICK, commemorating the victory of HITLER in France. This statement was, however, incorrect as will be reflected further in this report.
In fact, so far as identifying German propaganda is concerned, the only precise effort is found in the issue of August 8, 1940, where certain passages from Col. LINDBERGH's speech are compared with selected excerpts from German short-wave broadcasts. Reference to a few of these comparisons indicates that there is necessarily some common ground on which conscientious students of current history are likely to meet. For example, we find the concept that the present conflict

concerned the division of territory and wealth between nations
contrasting with the concept that the war is a 'conflict of ideologies', to protect a 'way of life' common to England and the United States. Both of these conflicting views are old friends, at least to anyone who remembers the period from 1914 to 1917, the slogan to

'make the world safe for Democracy'

and the pitiful materialism of the Peace of Versailles. At all events, the present fortunes of the war are being availed of, at least, to adjust to the successful belligerent's ideas,

'the division of territory and wealth.'

Again, there is no way to prevent german propaganda agencies quoting Washington's advice to 'beware of foreign entanglements', or reminding us that that is a traditional American policy. We may resent their saying it at this juncture, but we should be fair to our own citizens who still believe it is sound advice, and apply it, irrespective of its implications.

Again, that America should put forward a peace program, as Col. LINDBERGH put it -

'a plan for the progress and protection of the Western civilization of which they and we each form a part'

has been a sentiment entertained by many of the most intelligent and active public men of our time, particularly those closely associated with international commerce.

Each of these concepts has, in fact, been woven into the fabric of Nazi propaganda from time to time. None of them has any permanent part in it, but may serve the purpose of introducing some argument, or combating some Allied propaganda. When they have served their purpose, they will presumably be discarded without apology by the Nazi philosophers.