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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON
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SECRET SERVICE DIVISION

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington.

Dear Sir:

Accept the thanks of this office for your letter of May 25, 1936 quoting a telegram received by your bureau from the City Editor of the Flint Journal, Flint, Mich., regarding the proposed armed march on Washington by the Flint organization of the Black Legion.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Moran
Chief

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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous letter dated at Los Angeles, California, May 26, 1936, furnishing information relative to the location and alleged activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Los Angeles, California.

This is being forwarded merely for your information, and the advisability of furnishing same to the Los Angeles Police Department is being left to your discretion. However, no investigation should be conducted by your office relative to this matter under any circumstances.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
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Los Angeles, California.,
May 26th. 1936.

J. Edgar Hoover,
United States Secret Service.,
Washington, District Of Columbia,

My own friend, Mr. Hoover:

I feel that I have some information that you
may know about, and it comes to me through a very dear friend of mine whose
character and integrity is above reproach, and he informs me, that he is a marked
account of his openly condemning the Ku Klux Klan.

As to what he says, they are making life quite miserable for him, as they are
strong out here, they try in every way to run him in to all kinds of traps
such as V type pockets, cutting in short ahead causing him to have to
leave the road at times to avoid an accident, and probable death.

As you have noticed, there has been an outbreak in Detroit Mich. and sooner
or later it will happen here, and there is only one hand of the law that can stand
up to that is The Department of Justice under your command, and from what the
New York Times has to say, you will evidently be called upon to take a stern
hand.

What I really want to tell you, my friend says, that there is evidence
of a Klansman right here in Los Angeles, and that the headquarters of the K
is in the Financial Center Building, room 902, the names on the door are
J. P. Sweeney, G. W. Price, this building is at Spring Street, at 7th.

It looks that in the face of events, now would be an opportune time to raid
this office, which no doubt would be very interesting to your department, I would
very much like to have written you under my letter head, as I have all
confidence in you that one could possibly have, but something might happen
which you would have no control, that would let this dangerous Ku Klux Klan
know my name, and make life miserable for me also, so, I sincerely hope you will
stand by me, when I will merely sign my name as a good friend,

Very Respectfully, And Sincerely, You

A FRIEND.

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,

Chief Department Of Justice,

Secret Service, Washington,

District Of Columbia.

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May 29, 1936

Mr. E. J. Connelley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
426 U. S. Custom House and Post Office Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Confirming the telephonic instructions issued to your office by Mr. Tamm of the Bureau, it is desired that absolutely no investigation be conducted into the activities of the Black Legion in the absence of specific authorization from the Director of the Bureau. If any person desires to furnish a representative of your office with information concerning this organization, he should be informed that the Bureau is not conducting any investigation into the activities of the Black Legion.

If information is furnished to your office which is believed or alleged to constitute a violation of a Federal Statute within the Bureau's jurisdiction, no action should be taken thereupon by your office, other than to refer the facts immediately to the Bureau for transmittal to the Department for appropriate consideration.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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- Mr. Tracy
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Time - 11:50 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Black Legion.

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SAC Conroy of the Atlanta Office telephoned me and said he just received a telephone call from the United States Attorney down there, who advised that he was sending over to the Atlanta Office Mr. [redacted] of the Ku Klux Klan, who went to the United States Attorney to give him some information relative to the Black Legion, and who the USA referred to the Bureau for interview.

I told Mr. Conroy that the Bureau is not going to investigate the Black Legion in the absence of some definite showing of a Federal violation over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction, and consequently, when Mr. [redacted] comes to the office, he should be advised that any information he has concerning the Black Legion should be furnished to the local law enforcement officials in Detroit.

However, I told Mr. Conroy that if someone comes in purporting to have information about a Federal violation, the information will have to be accepted, but no action should be taken on the same other than forwarding the same into Washington for transmittal to the Attorney General for a decision as to investigation.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm
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May 29, 1936

Mr. J. P. MacFarland,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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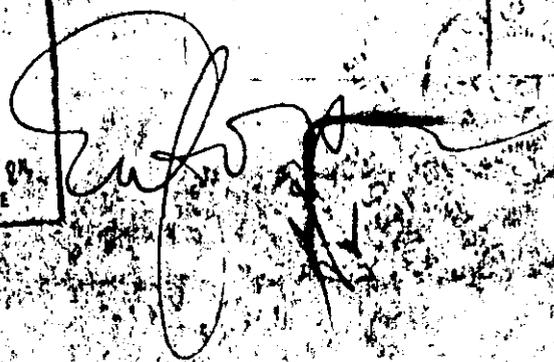
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- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

RBH:CSH

May 29, 1936

[Redacted] MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *[Signature]*

1:45 P.M.

RE: BLACK LEGION

[Handwritten mark]
[Redacted] Dumont, New Jersey, was referred to me for interview from your office.

[Redacted] advised that she wished to furnish information relative to the Black Legion and requested that this Bureau institute an investigation of this organization. I advised her that in the absence of a violation of Federal law, this Bureau was conducting no investigation in the above matter, but asked her to furnish any information which she might have relative to a violation of Federal law. She was unable to furnish any such information, but insisted that the Bureau institute an investigation. When I advised her several times that we could do nothing, she became hysterical and cried, and stated that the country was certainly going to be taken over by the Black Legion. It appears that the basis of her information is solely what she has read in the newspapers, but because of her mental condition it apparently plays on her mind to such an extent that she can think of nothing else.

[Redacted] requested that I call the White House and make an appointment for her which, of course, I refused to do, and advised her that she was unduly alarmed and that it appeared best for her to return to her home in New Jersey, inasmuch as she made a special trip to Washington to furnish this information.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

R. B. Hood.

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May 27 1936

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover (Law Enforcement Boss)

Washington
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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Dear Sir :

Why did you not answer my last letter, on running out the dinard
rs. You claimed in one letter this was not under Federal Jurisdiction,
why in Hell dont you put it under federal Jurisdiction, the Legal Law
informant officers both Police & shomile cant or wont do anything, I see
where they had orders to round up the Gun toters, but they cant find
any too bad, I guess I have to tell them where when and how to find
course they are not out when the sun shines, you must wait until after
dark to catch those fellows when the police are called in from down the
districts in large cities, for I know you can find a policeman in st. Louis
from 4th street or the levy up to 12 street after 10 P.M. the same in other
large cities when the bugs are out, they tried to hold me up, when I went
to law school, if you please, but I got away with them quick foot work
Keen Eyes,

Enclosed please find clipping of post Dispatch of the Black Legion activities, which the picture of one of their big chiefs, as you like smoking a cigar in his shirt sleeves.

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Fred J. Keen with his little news Democreat Run the Ku Kluxers out of part of the state, and belied them to pay he a visit, I was at their big convention they had at one & young man down JUN 20 1936 and years ago when the fire broke burning and every one of a gun taking a big favor a JUN 4 1936

NATHAN TOLSON
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How dont come back and say you have no jurisdiction, or do not know who or where this bunch who wants to kill people who belong to certain churches or societies.

if our federal government backs down or is in sympathy or one must be afraid to say or write against them, I for one wont pay an other dollar for taxes to protect me or my property, but will strap on a gun, & tell them to come on, but I will hold the government responsible for what happens to me or mine, I am one of the largest tax payers in this burg they have me charged to the limit, I am a free born, and ask and insist on action if this dont come under your jurisdiction inform me where I can be heard I will, sure either write or go and see the parties or party in person if his office is any where in the great U.S.A. and will find out if or not they carry water on both shoulders not, or are only holding down the officers sympathy with such culture

only holding down their job for political or self interests I certainly expect an answer, or I will write to our Congressman & the President, will keep a copy of this letter, why its an outreach, one is not

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I would sign My name but who knows if or not one of You are in
siphthy with this kind of unamerican bussiness,

You may have members of either Ku Klux or Black hand in your office
for all you know , better Keep Your ears open and Eyes Pealed and no
have e-in them like the old say ing was when i was a learning boy

I SHALL WATCH THE PRESS DISPATCHES OF YOUR ACTIVITIES, THE PRESS CLAIM
TO BE THE ONLY COURAGIOUS WATCH DOG. TOO BAD FRED J. IS DEAD HE WOULD
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover (Director)

Washington

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The raids in Ecorse were conducted by Colburn on information supplied by a member of the secret society. The informant charged the hooded band was responsible for the bombing of the home of William W. Voisine, Ecorse village president.

Prosecutor McCrea said the informant related that "police officials and politicians" attended a meeting at which the bombing of Voisine's house was discussed. Voisine himself charged that members of a secret night riding organization were responsible for the bombing. "There was a big gang of those fellows out here," he said.

McCrea quoted his informant as saying "When Voisine's name was brought up at the meeting there were shouts of 'Let's take him for a ride' and 'Beat him up,' but a man was appointed to do the bombing and it took place two weeks later."

State-Wide Investigation.

A grand jury investigation in every county in the State where crimes can be traced to the Black Legion was announced by Attorney-General David H. Crowley.

Charges of kidnaping and felonious assault were filed against 25 alleged members of the organization accused by Owen Dudley, Jackson County prosecutor, with stripping and flogging a member who had attempted to withdraw.

At the Southern Michigan Prison, where Dudley has charged that the entire roster of 385 guards have been asked to join the Black Legion, Warden Harry H. Jackson announced he had discharged Guard Sergt. Charles Cooley for activity in the affairs of the secret order.

Three other guards have been suspended, and one of them, Ray Ernest, faced arraignment today as a member of the band of 25 who flogged Harley Smith, a WPA worker, near Jackson last Nov. 5.

Named with Ernest in the warrants issued today in Jackson are

**TWO BOMBINGS
IN DETROIT LAID
TO BLACK LEGION**

Firearms and Secret Society Papers Seized in Raids on Five Houses in Ecorse, a Suburb.

**POLITICIANS LINKED
TO ITS ACTIVITIES**

Western Commander Says Organization Has 6,000,000 Members—Denies Ku Klux Connection.

By the Associated Press.

DETROIT, May 26.—Enlarging their drive against the Black Legion, hooded vigilantes of Wayne County authorities five houses in Ecorse, a suburb, today and found what they considered evidence that two recent bombings were inspired by the black band.

In the houses, which included those of two former Ecorse councilmen, the raiders seized firearms and printed matter of the organization.

V. F. Effinger of Lima, O., who had been sought for questioning by Prosecutor Duncan C. McCrea, issued a statement in Lima last night that the Black Legion had more than 6,000,000 members in the United States. He said it had no intention of trying to take over the Government. Aspirations of obtaining a governmental dictatorship were attributed to the order by Harry Gilburn, chief investigator for the Wayne County (Detroit) Prosecuting Attorney's office.

Denies Klan Connection. Denying there was any connection between the Ku Klux Klan and the Black Legion, Effinger said the Black Legion will go right ahead promoting the best interests of America and American citizens despite the unfortunate affair in Detroit. He referred to the "execution" of Charles A. Poole, WPA worker, for whose murder 15 men are under arrest.

Investigators here have called Effinger the "western commander" of the Black Legion, in charge of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. Effinger refused to say what his negotiations with the legion were.

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One of Black Legion's Head Men



Associated Press Wirephoto.
V. F. EFFINGER, credited with being "Western Commander" of the organization, photographed in his electrical contracting shop in Lima, O.

**JEWELLED ETHIOPIAN CROWN
AND SWORD SEEN AT SUEZ**

Egyptian Customs Officials Think Articles Were Looted After Downfall of Armies.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 26.—Customs authorities were investigating last night the discovery of a richly jeweled Ethiopian crown and a jeweled sword which were contained in parcels with which a shipping company employe attempted to pass through the city of Suez.

Officials said they believed the articles were looted after the downfall of the Ethiopian armies, but

**SOVIET DIVORCE TAX,
REWARDS TO MOTHERS**

New Law Intended to End "Light-Mindedness" in Family Relations.

by the Associated Press.
MOSCOW, May 26.—A proposal to end the ease-divorce system in

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... WOULD ...
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 27, 1936.

Mr. Nathan	✓
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Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Time - 3:57 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Black Legion.

Mr. Cunningham, acting in charge of the Detroit Office in the temporary absence of Mr. Reinecke, telephoned me and said that Mr. Reinecke had just received a letter from Mr. Duncan C. McCrae, County Attorney for Wayne County, Detroit, inviting Mr. Reinecke to sit in on a conference which is to be held relative to ways and means of exterminating the Black Legion. Since the conference is to be held as soon as possible, Mr. Reinecke wanted an expression of opinion from the Bureau as to what his attitude should be in this matter.

I conferred with you relative to this situation and told Mr. Cunningham to advise Mr. McCrae by letter the Bureau cannot participate in any conference relative to the Black Legion in the absence of some positive showing of a violation of some Federal Statute within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau.

I further told Mr. Cunningham that if anyone comes to the Detroit Office with an alleged violation of a Federal Statute in this matter, they should take absolutely no action until so instructed by the Bureau here in Washington.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Phones 560 & 53

To: _____	Director	_____	Mr. Nathan
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Black Legion.

Please be advised that I have telephoned the Cleveland, Indianapolis and Cincinnati Offices of the Bureau and instructed them to conduct absolutely no investigation into the above matter without prior Bureau authority. I have told them that the Bureau is under instructions from the Attorney General to conduct absolutely no investigation into this case in the absence of some definite showing of a violation of some Federal Statute within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau. Accordingly, I have told them that if any allegation of such a violation is received, the facts should be presented to the Bureau at Washington for a decision as to whether or not we should enter the investigation.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

With reference to your inquiry concerning any interview conducted by Bureau Agents with a person at Lima, Ohio during 1934, in which this person stated that he had been beaten up by the Black Legion, you are advised that the Bureau records do not contain any information concerning such an interview. The Bureau received a memorandum under date of April 15, 1935 from William Stanley, requesting investigation into an allegation that employees of the Department of Justice were members of an organization known as the "Black Legion" or "Bullet Club". Investigation was conducted into this matter in Ohio and did not develop any information substantiating this allegation. Considerable information concerning the various phases of this secret organization known as the Black Legion, the Night Riders and the Bullet Club was obtained. Several inquiries were conducted at Lima, Ohio by Agent C. E. Smith but no one was interviewed who stated that he had ever been beaten up. An individual named [redacted] was interviewed by the Bureau agent, accompanied by Post Office Inspector Cordrey of Lima, Ohio and while Scheid furnished some information and stated that he had been a colonel in the organization and had some trouble, he did not allege that he had been assaulted.

The inquiries conducted by the Bureau at that time disclosed that the Post Office Inspector was in possession of considerable information concerning the organization and had probably conducted at least superficial inquiries concerning it. Information was received that an investigator for the F. L. R. A. had conducted some inquiry concerning the matter and that on one occasion two State Prohibition Agents named Fleming and Madden were in Lima, Ohio and it was the general belief among the members of the Bullet Club that these individuals were Federal Agents.

Information was received from [redacted] formerly a Major in the Legion that a Department of Justice man from Cincinnati had investigated this matter in Ohio, but the Bureau files contain no record of such an investigation.

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The Bureau did obtain a list of approximately 45 names of residents in Lima, Ohio and vicinity, who were alleged to be members of ALLIANCE

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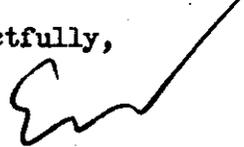
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the Bullet Club.

A memorandum summarizing the Bureau's investigation in this situation is being prepared this morning.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm

June 10, 1936

61-7398-87

s/o Ann Mary Hall,
345 Langdon Street,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 31, 1936, together with the enclosures, furnishing information relative to your experience with the Bullitt Club, an organization which you indicate is a unit of the Black Legion, as well as the names of various of the leaders of this organization. It is noted that you request that an appropriate investigation be conducted by this Bureau in this matter.

For your information, the jurisdiction of this Bureau is restricted by legislative enactment to investigating violations of specific Federal Laws. In view of the fact that the activities of this organization do not appear to indicate any such Federal violation, this Bureau is without authority to take any action in the premises. The matter appears to be one of purely a local nature and solely within the jurisdiction of the appropriate law enforcement officials in the State of Wisconsin.

In compliance with your request, I am returning herewith the enclosures which were transmitted to this Bureau with your communication, and wish to express my appreciation for your courtesy in referring the same for my attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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No copies of enclosures retained in Bureau file.

[Handwritten signature and initials]

Melrose Wis
- May 31/36

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cc
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D.C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 3 1936 A. M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Mr. Hoover -

Jan 34
My experience with the Bullitt Club ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{not} so good. I knew the moment I read about the Black Legion that the smaller organizations here are just a unit of a larger body. It did not take me long to see through the members. A five dollar bill was my first suspicion. A member, the leader, Bill Harding, was bound to sell his valuable Canadian fir to me for ten dollars. At that time I did not think of ransom money. Now or since the Hauptman trial I know it was. The name Harding has been in the News Paper during the Hauptman trial. That Politicians & Police
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Departments are involved is enumerated & known ¹⁵⁵
from expense. If I had to put all I have
seen & all I know on sheets & pages it would
take you weeks to read it. However I will
be glad to answer any questions & give
you all information possible. Any existing
material I kept for clues, which I wish returned
for future use. I am going to ask you
to let me deal with you directly, for
I really have lost faith in courts, G. men,
lawyers, police, district attorneys offices, politicians
etc. etc. Washington included. Until I saw
for myself that you really get them I did
not trust nor put faith in you, or I should
have written you sooner. If we refuse to
turn red or black now days we are spotted
I guess. I told lawyers, the rating bureau, a
young attorney in the district attorney
office & several others that I was digging
down deep to get to the bottom of all the
ills of today & expose everyone in -

pleated. a sum for the past year & for year ¹⁹⁵⁶
if I speak of some one other I owe them 75 ⁰⁰
to a few hundred dollars. I am well known
all over the states, where will you ^{listen?}
I never feared the few here, but I am
helpless when it comes to an army. That
the membership runs into millions is
not at all impossible. I bet 100 ⁰⁰⁰ is a
small fraction & I believe it safe to say that it is
not a new organization. They only change
their names once in a while. Well, here are the
names of the members here at Madison.

Bill Harding (Leader)
Gordon A. (Shot Luther. Very religious)
Carl Jenks (accomplished pianist)
Bob Willihuganz
Oliot Anderson
Wilbur Calhoun
Robert Elder
Wm. Elder
Herman Komrusch
Arthur Cronke
Roman Denis (Jewish victim)
Arthur Mockend

Am Le Vener
Clyde Paulz (lawyer)
Cora Patterson (house)
Viola Hendy Harding (sweet heart)
Theo. & Doris Plus
the names on card enclosed.

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not all of these boys are bad & I think they remain members. Bill Harding, Gordon Elob & Clyde Pauly, are the dangerous ones. But they are afraid of me. Then there is another young lawyer. I am not so sure of his name this moment. He was in the District attorney's office here for a while. It seem to me his name was [redacted]. He sure helps Harding get away with most every thing. Any way I am glad I had this experience & I sure hope this information will help remove lots more. I know this group linked with several others. I can't see them defending law. They are just plain good for nothing gangsters.

Respectfully
[redacted]



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to Ann Emery Hall
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

There is attached hereto a memorandum summarizing the information in the Bureau files pertaining to the Black Legion.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM

On April 15, 1935, the then Assistant to the Attorney General William Stanley requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct an inquiry into the activities of an organization in Lima, Ohio, known as the Black Legion, in view of the fact that representatives of the Department of Justice were reported to be members of this society.

Investigation disclosed that the Black Legion is reported to have been formed prior to the Revolutionary War, but following the winning of independence by the colonies the order was disbanded. Following the Civil War, it was revived and was active until post-war conditions again became normal. The current activity of the organization is allegedly for the purpose of protecting the country from being controlled by various forms of "isms"; however, it has been charged by some former members of the society that it was revolutionary in character, and the heads of the organization are attempting to gain control of various Governmental agencies.

Membership in the organization in which there are no dues is by invitation. Initiation into membership of the Black Legion is accompanied with many rituals, all members being at the time armed and masked. Under penalty of death, candidates for membership pledge loyalty to their cause; all Jews, Catholics and foreign subjects are declared enemies of the organization. Each recruit, who must be willing to bear arms, is furnished with a bullet and is instructed to conduct himself properly so that it will not be necessary for the Legion to ask for its return, for if this is found necessary, one half of the bullet, that is, the lead, will be returned. Death or departure from the country are the only means of severing connection with the society.

The organization of the Black Legion is basically military, that is, it is composed of regiments made up of battalions, which are, in turn, made up of companies, et cetera. The officers designated by military rank are headed by a general. After the fashion of the original thirteen colonies, the country is allegedly divided into thirteen districts by the Black Legion.

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Members of the organization are divided into various degrees, known as the Foot Legion, Night Riders, Black Knights, Armed Guards, and Bullet Club, the latter being composed of only selected Black Knights. It is said that various squads are organized within the legion whose function it is to carry out certain activities, for instance, there is a Klegging Squad and a Killing Squad. At the time of the investigation, eight individuals were reported to have been marked for death by the Black Legion.

In March, 1936, the total membership of the Black Legion in Allen County, Ohio, was reported to be 3400. Former members of the organization have advised that approximately 80% of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in Lima holds membership in this society. It was rumored that 60 or 70 employees of the Department of Justice are members of the organization; however, investigation has not substantiated this allegation. A Detroit, Michigan, unit of the Black Legion is alleged to have a company of men fully equipped with machine guns and one battalion equipped with Army rifles.

Membership in the Black Legion being secret, it has been difficult to identify individuals as being definitely associated with the organization; however, several former members have advised that a Dr. Shepard of Bellaire, Ohio, is presently the head of the Black Legion. Shepard was actively associated with the Ku-Klux Klan a few years ago and has on occasions professed his hatred for Catholics and foreigners; because of his reputation as a loose talker, however, he is not taken seriously by his fellow townsman. Dr. Shepard, who was City Health Officer in Bellaire in 1935 is not regarded as a leader of men. Several years ago a band of gypsies was frightened away from Bellaire after several bombs had been fired near their camp, and it was rumored that Dr. Shepard was the instigator of this affair.

Claude Sauter, of Bellaire, Ohio, is alleged to be Dr. Shepard's assistant as head of the Black Legion; however, investigation failed to reveal the identity of an individual in that town under this name.

It is reported that V. H. (Bert) Effinger, of Lima, Ohio, is the head of this society in that district. Former members advised in his capacity as general he gives orders to the society in Lima.

and that he is alleged to be responsible for the following incidents:

Some time in 1935 a roadhouse known as "Twin Oaks" near Lima, Ohio, was burned. Effinger has boasted that the Legion was responsible for this, as well as, for the destruction of the "Imperial" roadhouse near Wapakoneta, Ohio. Effinger is alleged to have stated that all Federal men coming to Lima report to him and to have instructed the members of the Black Legion that if they know of any such officers being in town, they should report the matter to him at once.

On one occasion, two Ohio State prohibition enforcement officers were in Lima, and a member of the Legion reported to Effinger that they were Federal Agents.

On numerous occasions, Effinger has boasted that approximately 60 or 70 members of the Department of Justice are members of the Black Legion. He is said to have concealed a large yellow map depicting the location of all secret fortifications in the country and has stated that the map was obtained by him through the Department of Justice. Effinger has encouraged members of the Black Legion to join the National Guard, advising that when the time arrives to take over the Armories and capture the rifles and ammunition the Black Legion members would overcome certain guardsmen assigned to them.

One former member has advised that he was ordered by General Effinger to "bash in the head" of a man who refused to attend the society's meetings.

Those individuals who have dropped out of the order have been approached on numerous occasions and warned that they should not talk. On occasions numerous carloads of men have collected around the homes of former members; however, no trouble is known to have resulted from these activities.

As General, Kffinger is said to have ordered a former member of the Black Legion to destroy a moving picture film entitled "White Angel" at the time it was showing at the Sigma Theatre in Lima, Ohio on the grounds that the film upheld the Catholic faith.

In November, 1934 it was rumored that the Ballet Club of the Black Legion was going to blow up the old post office at Lima, Ohio, following which a Department of Justice Agent from Cincinnati, Ohio is alleged to have conducted an investigation. However, the files of this Bureau do not indicate such an investigation was made.

Following this rumor an investigator for the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, John B. Martin, of Sandusky, Ohio, ascertained that about 80% of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration employees was members of the Black Legion, and Guy Kffinger, son of V. H. Kffinger, was a Lieutenant Colonel of the organization and the timekeeper for the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

V. H. Kffinger was interviewed by a Special Agent and vigorously denied that he was associated with the Black Legion in any way, in addition each specific allegation attributed to him was specifically denied. He is an electrician by trade and did admit that he was a member of the Ku-Klux Klan, and freely expressed an opinion that the citizens of the country should take the law into their own hands to cope with the situation where local law enforcement officials have failed. In this connection the investigation disclosed that the Lima Police Department refused to do anything concerning the terrorist methods of the Black Legion in view of the fact that both the Chief of Police, Ward Taylor, and the head of the detective force were members of this society.

In addition to the above named individuals, who are said to be active participants in this society, the names of approximately 45 persons residing in Lima and vicinity were obtained. Among these are General Gleason of Sidney, Ohio, an employee of the State Highway Department. This person is said to sign the death warrants for those who the Black Legion singles out for punishment.

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Ike White, a former policeman from Detroit, Michigan, who was alleged to have lost his leg in a gun battle with the Purple Gang, appeared at target practice of the Black Legion held at Bowling Green, Ohio. White is supposed to be an active member of the Legion.

Colonel Wapke of Detroit, Michigan, employed at the City Hall, is alleged to be a source through which firearms are secured for the Black Legion. However, inquiry in Detroit has failed to reveal the identity of an individual of this name.

The Michigan State Police were aware that the Black Legion was holding regular meetings in the vicinity of Adrian, Michigan during the summer of 1935, and following a meeting held on August 19, 1935, they stopped a car containing three men and a search revealed a .38 calibre revolver, an automatic pistol and three black gowns with hoods, bearing a skull and cross bones. The three occupants of the car, giving the names of Elsworth S. Shinsbery, Andrew Martin, Jr. and Roy L. Kefner, were taken into custody. The men admitted carrying concealed weapons, but alleged that they did not own them; that they had been furnished by individuals whose identity they did not know, and that they were used for the purpose of the Black Legion meeting. Questioning of these persons did not result in obtaining any additional information relative to the organization or membership of the Black Legion. On August 28, 1935, the case against the above named persons was discharged by the Justice of the Peace at Adrian, Michigan on the grounds that the State Police exceeded their authority in searching the defendants' car.

In the investigation conducted no evidence of a violation of a Federal law was disclosed.

Examination of the records of the Identification Division of the Bureau disclosed no record of W. H. or Guy Kefner.

No arrests other than that referred to is indicated by the criminal records of Elsworth S. Shinsbery, Andrew Martin, Jr. and Roy L. Kefner.

The investigation conducted in this matter failed to disclose that any employees of the Department of Justice are members of this organization.

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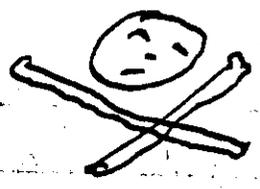
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Further reference is made to the memorandum dated February 20, 1936, in which reference is made to information furnished to the Bureau by Edmondson, published and received.

For your further information, I am transmitting herewith a circular issued by Edmondson entitled "Political Regime in New York" dated at New York, New York, May 28, 1936, and received by this Bureau on June 4, 1936. It will be noted that there is contained herein a statement to the effect that Democratic Representative Dickstein of New York has called upon the Federal Government to investigate charges of political and anti-Semitic activities, and allegedly appealing to Postmaster General Farley and urging for action in this matter.

There is also attached a circular issued by Edmondson entitled "The Jewish Minority Threatens", dated at New York, April 15, 1936, and received by this Bureau on June 4, 1936, which sets forth what is termed the patriotic reply to an anti-American Jewish political over-challenge.

Very respectfully,
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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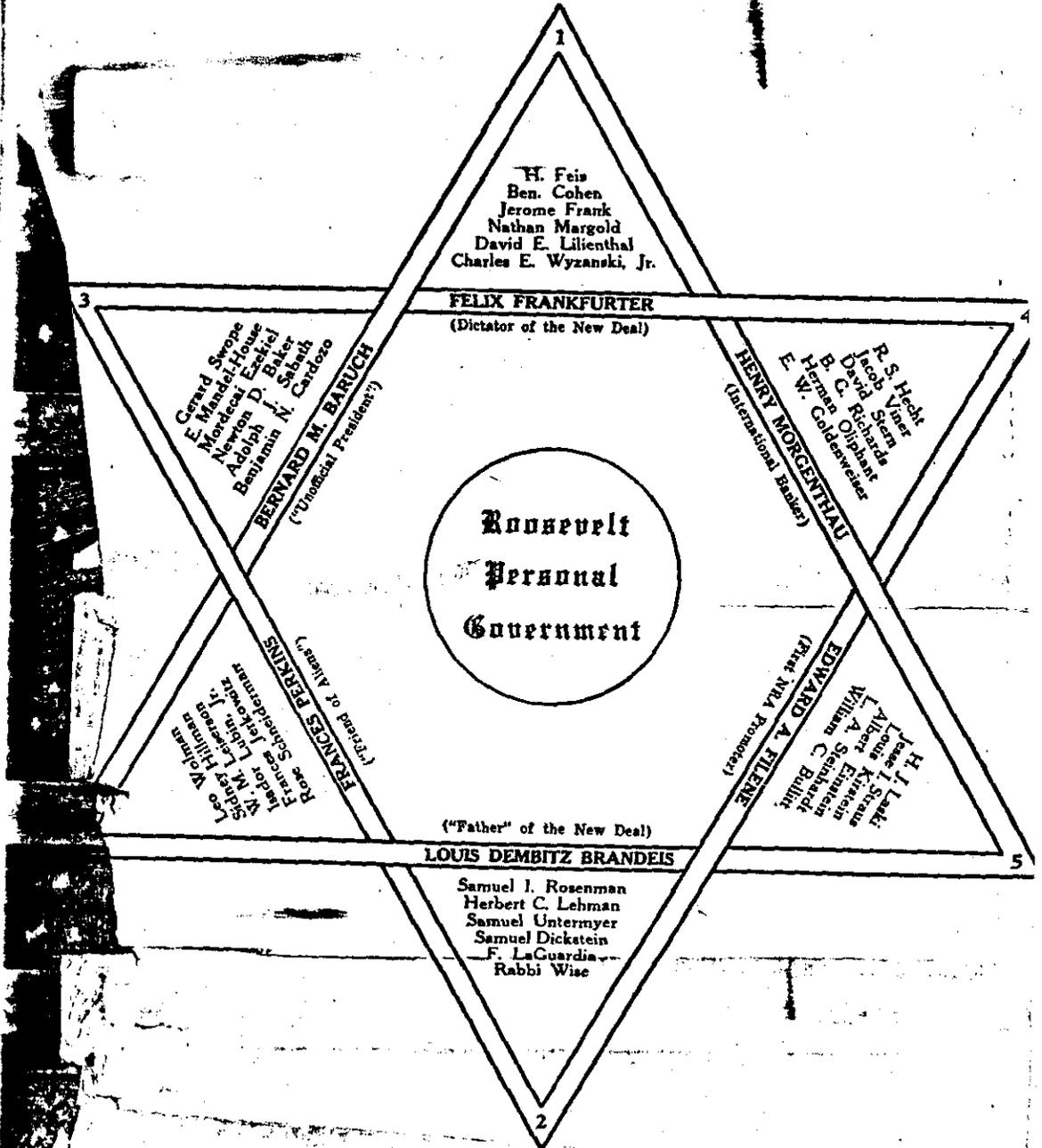


Roosevelt's Supreme Council

A Non-Partisan Exposure of

AN "ALIEN-STAR" ORIENTAL REVOLUTIONARY-POWER IN CONTROL OF WASHINGTON

The six-point star-picture below, showing "America's Invisible Governors" and their allies, gives only a long list of alien-minded New Dealer "advisors" behind Roosevelt, including unofficial and official "appointments," elected "representatives," etc., all owing allegiance to the FRANKFURTER-BRANDEIS-BARUCH-GENTHAU MONOPOLY. It is estimated that 18,000 of these "key" Internationalists are now dictating American policies, directed by Professor Felix Frankfurter, called by General Hugh S. Johnson in the Saturday Evening of Oct. 26, 1935, "THE MOST INFLUENTIAL SINGLE INDIVIDUAL IN THE U. S."



WHEN WILL AMERICA AGAIN BE RULED BY AMERICANS FOR AMERICANS?

The above "Seal of Solomon," symbol of Ownership—appearing on all synagogues—is now stamped on (1) U. S. Post Office dead-letter envelopes; (2) U. S. Army Helmets; (3) U. S. Navy Dept. seals; (4) reverse side of medals of President Franklin D. Roosevelt; and (5) on our NEW ONE-DOLLAR BILLS over the American Eagle—the six-point interlaced double-triangle star camouflaged outline being formed of miniature 5-point stars. Note that the FRONT of the Great Seal which is on the RIGHT and the REVERSE side with pyramid, is on the LEFT of the bill—which is Jewish, for Jews read their newspapers from RIGHT TO LEFT, oppositely to Gentile reading. The Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr. is a Jew.

The largest number of the above "SUPREME COUNCIL"—many of whom are foreign-born—owe the positions to Internationalist-controlled Tammany. These posts of great importance are filled, NOT by ELECTION but by ROOSEVELT APPOINTMENTS. Unofficial advisors are very dangerous to a free American Government because they cannot be held publicly responsible for their actions.

Descriptions above and on the other side of this sheet are from published records—numbers at the end.

NON-PARTISAN DESCRIPTIONS FROM PUBLISHED RECORDS

GROUP NO. 1

FELIX FRANKFURTER of Mass., foreign-born; "Unofficial Presidential Advisor"; listed in "Red Network" as a member of the Civil Liberties Union, legal advisor of Communists; known as Harvard University's "Karl Marx" (Communist) Professor; called Legal-Master-Mind of New Deal in Simon-Schuster 1934 book, "The New Dealers"; branded as *Bolshevist* by late President THEODORE Roosevelt for defending Communist Mooney, still in prison for San Francisco bomb-killing; placed 100 "key-men" in Roosevelt jobs. "He has more influence than any other single person in the U. S." says Gen. Johnson in the Saturday Evening Post of Oct. 26, 1935. Frankfurter has never been elected to any public office. He was nominated in 1932 for the Massachusetts Supreme Court, but defeated by 500,000 protests. He is said to be Roosevelt's choice for the next U. S. Supreme Court vacancy.

"Allies"—Herbert Feis of Mo., Asst. Secy. of State. Benj. Cohen of Mass., wrote Security and Utility Laws. Jerome Frank of Ill., General Counsel of RFC. Nathan Margold of N. Y., Interior Dept. Legal Advisor. David E. Lilienthal of Wis., Director of TVA. Charles E. Wyzanski, Jr., of Mass., Labor Dept. Legal Advisor.

GROUP NO. 2

LOUIS DEMBITZ BRANDEIS of Mass., "Unofficial Presidential Advisor"; Justice of U. S. Supreme Court; "Father" of *Communist New Deal*. He is named in "Red Network" as supporter of *Communist* Commonwealth College of Arkansas. Highly praised by Albert Einstein, expelled from Germany as a *Communist*. The Chicago Tribune of Sept. 22, 1934, printed this statement by Gen. Hugh S. Johnson: "During the whole of this intense experience (building up the illegal NRA) I have been in constant touch with Justice Brandeis." The N. Y. Times of Jan. 28, 1934, said: "The underlying philosophy of the New Deal is the philosophy of Justice Brandeis."

"Allies"—H. C. Lehman, Governor of N. Y., International Banker. Samuel L. Rosenman, Judge of New York State Supreme Court, whom Roosevelt called his "Right Arm." Lawyer Samuel Untermyer of N. Y., "Unofficial Presidential Public Ownership Advisor," listed in "Red Network" as endorsing the anti-patriotic article, "Professional Patriots," published in the Communist paper, "The Daily Worker." Samuel Dickstein, N. Y. Congressman, who radioed on March 18, 1934: "We Americans must change our laws so they (GERMAN COMMUNISTIC JEWS) can come here at once." N. Y. Mayor F. LaGuardia, "Unofficial Presidential Advisor" listed in "Red Network" as running for Congress on 1934 Socialist Ticket. Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, foreign-born, of N. Y. City, listed in "Red Network" as connected with the Civil Liberties Union, legal advisor to Communists.

GROUP NO. 3

BERNARD M. BARUCH of N. Y., called "Unofficial President" by Rabbi Gross' Brooklyn Jewish Examining Wall Street speculator and associate of International Bankers; Wilson-Roosevelt Economic Advisor; admitted Congress Committee: "I probably had more power than any other man during the World War." He called National pride (patriotism) "A lot of nonsense" (see Chicago Tribune, Sept. 25). Ford's "Dearborn Independent" of Sept. 25, 1925, said: "The Baruch interest, with others, has planned the Communist State. It will not be necessary to stage a revolution. Upon commencement of war, the U. S. goes under Communism in one day."

"Allies"—Gerard Swope of N. Y., Roosevelt "Industrial Advisor." Col. E. Mandel-House of Mass., W. Roosevelt International Political Advisor, helped to form the League of Nations. Mordecai Ezekiel of N. Y., Asst. of Agriculture, one of AAA Law authors. Newton D. Baker of Ohio, "Unofficial Presidential Advisor," listed in "Red Network" as "Communist-recommended author"—who urges U. S. to join League of Nations. Adolph J. Sabath, Congressman, Roosevelt "Special Investigator." N. Y. U. S. Supreme Court Justice Cardozo, reported in Chicago of April 26, 1934, as having, with Brandeis, "led the Supreme Court from conservatism."

GROUP NO. 4

HENRY MORGENTHAU, SR., of N. Y., foreign-born; "Unofficial Presidential Advisor"; related national Bankers Seligman and Lehman. His son is Secretary of the U. S. Treasury and Dictator of the Billion Dollar "Stabilization Fund." Sigmund Solomon "superintends" for him \$5,000,000,000 gold bars in Assay Office.

"Allies"—R. S. Hecht of La., foreign-born, ex-President of American Bankers' Assn.; "Official Presidential Advisor." Jacob Viner of N. Y., Tax Expert of U. S. Treasury. David Stern of N. Y. and Pa., Member of Federal Reserve Board of Philadelphia and Publisher N. Y. Post; "Unofficial Presidential Advisor." B. G. Richards of N. Y., foreign-born Assistant to National Emergency Council. Herman Oliphant of N. Y., General Counsel to Secretary of Treasury. E. W. Goldenweiser of N. Y., Russian-born; Federal Reserve Director.

GROUP NO. 5

EDWARD A. FILENE of Mass., "Unofficial Presidential Advisor; listed in "Red Network" as member of American-Russian Chamber of Commerce. His "20th Century Fund" financed NRA's importation from Europe. Filene was in Moscow during the last *Communist International Congress*.

"Allies"—Louis Kirstein of Mass., National Advisory Board member. Jesse I. Straus of N. Y., "Official Presidential Advisor"; promoted Roosevelt Presidential campaign; now Ambassador to France. H. J. Laski, Director of Fabian Socialist Society of England; "Unofficial Foreign Advisor." L. A. Steinhardt, Minister to Sweden. Albert Einstein, expelled from Germany as Communist; listed in "Red Network" as conferring with Roosevelt. W. C. Bullitt, "Official Soviet Advisor"; Ambassador to Russia; listed in "Red Network."

GROUP NO. 6

FRANCES "PERKINS" of N. Y., Secy of Labor.—As Americans are entitled to know public servants' background; noting conflicting data supplied various "Who's Who"; having repeatedly heard "Russian Jewess origin-reports." Robert Edward Edmondson wrote Secy. Perkins personally as follows on Jan. 29, 1936: "Will you tell me for publication when and where you were born; names, nationality and religion of your parents?" Over two months later Mrs. Perkins replied as follows on April 1, 1936, without proof of assertions: "I was born in Boston, April 10, 1882, daughter of Fredk. W. and Susan Perkins. My parents were both native-born citizens of English and Scotch descent. They and their forebears were Protestant Christians. My father's name was never Lazanski; he was born and died Fredk. Perkins. I was not known as Rachel Lazanski; I was known as Frances Perkins, and was married in Grace Church, N. Y. City, Sept. 26, 1913, to Paul Caldwell Wilson, also of American parentage of English and Scotch descent." April 5 in the N. Y. Herald Tribune denouncing the "utter un-Americanism of a racial whispering campaign" added: "If I were a Jew, I WOULD BE PROUD TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT." In this connection, does not the "all-Jewish staff" as below suggest an "utterly un-American" RACIAL PREJUDICE in favor of a minority? (On April 7, 1936, the writer received the following reply to inquiry: "There is no record at the Boston Birth Registry of the birth of a Frances Perkins on April 10, 1882, or during the year specified.")

"Allies"—Prof. Leo Wolman of N. Y., Labor Strike Board Chairman; listed in "Red Network" as director of Garland Fund (Communist). Sidney Hillman, foreign-born, of N. Y.; Labor Advisory Board member; President of "Red" Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union; listed in "Red Network" as Garland Fund director. W. M. Leiserson, Russian-born; Labor Board Secretary; listed in "Red Network" as member of Socialist Berger Foundation. Isidor Lubin, Jr., of N. Y., Labor Delegate to League of Nations. Frances Jurkowitz of N. Y., Asst. to Secy of Labor; Rose Schneiderman of N. Y., Russian-born Labor Dept. Asst.; in "Red Network" as ACLU member.

Roosevelt Congratulates COMMUNISTS on 18th Soviet Anniversary

As reported in the N. Y. Times on Nov. 8, 1935, President Roosevelt cabled Soviet President Kalinin at Moscow on Nov. 7 on "the 18th anniversary of the Socialist (Communist) revolution in Russia," saying: "I am happy to extend sincere felicitations on THIS MEMORABLE ANNIVERSARY with my best wishes for Your Excellency's health and happiness." (Thirty Million Christian Russians have been killed and starved to death by Soviet.)

Look at This Record, Patriots of America, AND WAKE UP!

THEN: "The Revolutionary Council which took over Russia in 1918 was composed of 565 members, of whom 469 WERE JEWS."—From the Overman Report to Congress.

NOW: "The Moscow Central Committee of the Communist Party (which rules Russia) has 59 members, of whom 56 ARE JEWS. The remaining three, Stalin, Lobov and Ossinsky, ARE MARRIED TO JEWS."—From the February (1936) issue of "The Defender of the Faith," a religious magazine of Wichita, Kansas.

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Save America from the Jew-Controlled Communistic "New Deal"!

The Jewish Minority Threatens!

WE, the Majority, Are Going to Demonstrate Our Control, Is the Patriotic Reply to an Anti-American Yiddish Political-Power Challenge: What Are YOU Going to DO About It?"

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"The Jews of America, because of their NUMBERS, INTEREST and ABILITY, constitute A GREAT POLITICAL FORCE. They have not usurped this power; IT BELONGS TO THEM AS OF RIGHT! They are going to exercise it AS THEY SEE FIT! What are YOU going to DO about it?"—From an editorial of April 9, 1936, in the great Yiddish Daily, "THE DAY," of New York City.

The Jews of America "number" about 4,228,000, says their official estimate, presumably based, as in Biblical times, upon MALES ALONE—which would give a total U. S. Jewish population of over 8,500,000, or about a 7% minority. Based on "Passover Bread" requirements, Henry Ford's publication estimated that the Jews in America in 1920 numbered about 6,000,000—with 3,000,000 more seeking entrance.

Jewish "interest" may be debatable, but as Gentiles presumably also have the right to estimate, they find, by overwhelming evidence, that "the terrible power of the purse (Zionist Leader Herzl's boastful description), in combination with Jewish-energized revolutionary communism, has unfairly given Jewry a monopoly-control of American publicity, political and social conditions.

Jewish "ability," secretly exercising gold-cornered despotic power, has, in the minds of patriots, subverted the inalienable control-rights of the democratic majority in favor of an alien-minded minority admittedly antagonistic to the fundamental American Philosophy of majority government of, by and for the whole people.

Now, this small subversive minority arrogantly and defiantly claims that such monopoly-power "belongs to them AS OF RIGHT"—presumably the "chosen people" delusion-right; and "They are going to exercise it as THEY SEE FIT"—whether the American majority likes it or not.

It is just as simple as that!

What are WE going to do about it?

THIS is the answer of the Great Middle-Class American Majority to the 7% Jewish Minority:

The Republic of the United States of America was founded upon "A Declaration of Independence" conceived, not by a Jewish but by a Christian Majority that, through supreme sacrifice, created the greatest freedom Constitution "ever struck off by the hand and brain of man," and with it established a nation that rose from poverty to enjoy prosperity and happiness—until the advent of the revolutionary Jewish Invasion.

WE ARE GOING TO DEMONSTRATE OUR CONTROL of the Destinies of the America bequeathed to us by our great Christian Forefathers.

In a renaissance of the "Spirit of '76," now rising to the heights, fighting under our historic crusading-cry "Liberty or Death!" WE are going to RESTITUTIONALLY RECAPTURE what has been treacherously and predatorily seized through secret subversion of our unsuspecting good-will, tolerance and hospitality—PEACEFULLY, if we CAN, but MILITANTLY, if we MUST!

"Our brains have met theirs in the Cradle of the White Race. We will meet them in the Outposts of Civilization."

New York, April 15, 1936

Robert Edward Edmondson

(PUBLICIST-ECONOMIST)

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But Catholicism in Europe is apparently learning that it has been tricked and is becoming aware of the reality of the menace. Read this public confirmation: "The Jewish Spirit threatens to corrode our economic and social life," declared the Federal Union of Catholic Youth in Vienna, Austria, on April 3, 1936, according to an Associated Press cable. "Polish Jewry is an avowed enemy of the Catholic religion; Jews are behind the bolshevik and socialist forces now attacking our church." That was in a cable recently published by the Chicago Tribune, according to the James True Weekly Industrial Report of Feb. 29, 1936. The February (1936) Catholic Gazette of London, under a heading, "The Jewish Peril and the Catholic Church," printed a sensational article detailing proceedings at a secret Jewish Society meeting in Paris, at which a protocolic program of attack on the Catholic Church was outlined. There was circulated recently in Europe this extract from the "Civiltà Cattolica," a Vatican publication: "The Jewish Peril menaces the whole world, in particular the Christian nations." The Pope issued a proclamation May 11, 1936, against "The common enemy of Communism, AN IMMENSE PERIL which, menaces civilization."

MASONRY PREPARING A PURGE?

Organized churches of other creeds have apparently been penetrated and "ju-duped" throughout the world. Note this from the Chicago Christian Century, undenominational Protestant publication of Chicago, under dates of April 29 and May 13, 1936: "Jewry is a mutual benefit propagandist organization. A Judaism which talks of its uniqueness cannot escape the suspicion that it is hoarding treasures for a selfish purpose. The Jew will never command the respect of non-Jewish culture so long as he huddles by himself. Any unassimilated element of our population is bound to have trouble, BECAUSE IT IS BOUND TO MAKE TROUBLE."

The Jewish-dominated Grand Orient Secret Society of Europe subverted Continental Freemasonry, according to documentary evidence arriving in this country from abroad. Both Hitler and Mussolini exposed it. The former prohibited Masonic lodges in Germany coincident with his expulsion of Communist Jews. Mussolini did the same thing when he banned Bolshevism, and only recently he arrested members of his own party for reviving Masonry in Rome. Rioters last year attacked Masonic lodges in France.

Since a free press no longer exists in the United States, the time has come for Gentile Americans to look for the subversive Jew behind the propaganda ballyhoo about "fearsome Black Legions."

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“Black Legion” a Jew-Bogey?

Dickstein's Anti-Semitic "Terrorist" Cry May Supply the Key to Unlock the Door of an Oriental "Frame Up," Now That Suspicious Protestant and Catholic Church Officials Are Sensing "The Jewish Peril."

EDMONDSON DARES RUSSIAN-JEW CONGRESSMAN-INVESTIGATOR TO LET HIM PUBLICLY TESTIFY AS TO THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH ABOUT THE JEWISH ANTI-AMERICAN CONSPIRACY THAT IS COMMUNISTICALLY DESTROYING AMERICA

Informing Robert Edward Edmondson that New York Representative Samuel Dickstein had introduced a bill in Congress to investigate the "anti-Semitic activities" of the Edmondson Economic Service pro-American Crusade, in connection with the so-called "Black Legion" developments in Michigan, the Associated Press, asking for "comment on Dickstein," requested a statement May 27, 1936—which was supplied in writing as below; and which of course was not reproduced in the newspapers, thereby again proving the Edmondson thesis of Jew-control.

"Why comment on Dickstein?" asked Edmondson. This alien-minded un-American-acted, international foreign-born Jew from Russia, who assumes to teach patriotism to native citizens who have absorbed it for generations, would not be in his present position were Congressional district representation based on citizenship instead of alien population.

Dickstein is the "patriot" who, typically putting Jewism before Americanism, broadcast by radio on March 18, 1934, from Chicago: "We Americans must change our laws to make it possible for them to come here at once"—referring to the 500,000 Jewish Communists that Germany is expelling for treason, and for which action International Jewry is boycotting that nation, at great trade loss to America.

I DARE DICKSTEIN TO LET ME TESTIFY BEFORE HIS COMMITTEE AS TO THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, ABOUT THE JEWISH ANTI-AMERICAN CONSPIRACY THAT IS COMMUNISTICALLY DESTROYING THE REPUBLIC, AND GUARANTEEING A PUBLIC BROADCAST THEREOF THROUGH THE JEW-CONTROLLED METROPOLITAN PRESS.

For the thousandth time, I repeat: I am not opposed to Jews as individuals or as to their religion or race; but I am unalterably against what the Jewish System is DOING, by financing Communist Civil War, TO ENSLAVE THE UNITED STATES AS IT DID RUSSIA AND FRANCE.

Investigations of the Edmondson Agency during the past two years by the Department of Justice, Farley's Post Office, and Dickstein's "Nazi" Committee, invariably developed the fact that I have been merely exercising my constitutional rights of free press and free speech—under handicap, for my mail has been constantly tampered with, presumably by Jewish elements, since I have no other enemies.

If, as alleged, there is in existence a six-million "vigilante anti-Semitic semi-military organization" of Americans, the Jewish exodus rush from the United States would make the departure from Egypt look like a one-horse parade. I have no knowledge of such a body.

Setting Up a "Straw Man" to Shoot At

Is the ballyhooed "Black Legion" of Michigan a Jew-created BOGEY, camouflage-designed to divert attention from Communistic subversions?

Is it an "extravaganza" set up as a target for the "kept men of the press" to shoot at with explosive propaganda bullets?

Is Oriental duplicity active in it to blind Gentile Americans to hidden moves toward a "Red" Dictatorship, since the courts are progressively cracking down on New Deal Plans?

Are Ju-dupes and Ju-tools being manipulated by "The Hidden Hand" that wrecked Russia?

These questions are becoming prominent in well-informed patriotic circles. Is there evidence to justify them? Consider the following:

The Hearst Jew key-posted publications are in the forefront of the "sensational exposures." The New York Times and other Jewish-owned newspapers are "displaying" the "news." They are "making the most" of startling accusations—WHICH REMAIN TO BE PROVED. How will the courts handle "framed confessions"?

Does the key lie in this suggestive Washington dispatch in the N. Y. American of May 26, 1936:

"Moved by the terrorist plots of the murderous 'Black Legion' of Michigan, Democratic Representative Dickstein of New York (Russian-born Jew), tonight called on the Federal Government to investigate immediately all nation-wide ANTI-SEMITIC and anti-religious activities. Dickstein appealed to J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the G-Men, and to Postmaster General Farley for action. Declaring various secret bands of terrorists are seeking to 'destroy' JEWS AND CATHOLICS in this country, Dickstein, in a statement, said that if Federal Departments were unable to cope with the situation, Congress would be asked to reopen hearings before the House Committee on un-American activities. Dickstein sent Hoover 30 examples of propaganda which he charged were designed to 'foment racial and religious prejudices.' At the same time Democratic Representative Kramer of California revealed that he had received numerous complaints of persons using the mails in California to 'stir up hatred' against Jews."

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES SENSING SUBVERSION

Note that the Jews constantly associate Catholics with them in all persecution-publicity, just as they do the Semite race, which also includes other peoples beside Jews. This is prominent in the Rabbi Wise American Jewish Boycott Against Germany for expelling Jewish Communists, with ballyhoo propaganda continually proclaiming persecution of Catholics as well as Jews. The truth is that most persecuted "Catholics" were "converted" Jews. Thousands of Jews "converted themselves" for safety in Spain and France during the historic expulsion from those countries—and reverted to type afterward.

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June 11, 1936

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Mr. Claiborne Collier,
Marland, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 30, 1936, furnishing an expression of your opinion that the Black Legion is merely a branch of the Ku Klux Klan, which latter organization is nothing more than a political group composed primarily of Masons.

The contents of your communication have been noted and I appreciate your courtesy in referring same to my attention. However, in view of the fact that the activities of the Black Legion do not appear to be in violation of any Federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, no action can be taken by the Bureau relative to this organization.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Oklahoma City

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Mr. Tolson
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... have been reading about the Black Legion ...
... opinion is nothing but the Branch of the Key Klan. I did some 10 years ago belong to the K K K but I dropped it when I found out just what it was. It was a Political Organization to further the interest of a race they would teach you to be very much devoted to down his membership in the lodge when talking to the public the Klan they were mostly made up of Masons which Organization W. C. Caudin as being Entry No 1 to American People. The Masons seem to be proud of the fact that a Mason was never sent to the Penitentiary who ... when a Mason commits a crime the Masons will all swing rope and by false swearing they escape the Penitentiary. The man that I created and killed some 12 or 15 Osage Indians same year

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He was in a U.S. Court with 131
 he was convicted of being in
Osage County an agreement with the Masons
affiliated there He went to the great
trial in before a united states court at
Oklahoma city and denied the right of
a Mason to sit on the jury as the
said that he was a Mason if any
Mason is to be sent to prison
together and as far as concerns me send me
to the penitentiary also if a Mason commits
a crime by being unlawful the Mason
will clear him in 1925 as for a Bro
that has an income of 100,000 he has of
90 thousand dollars the Masons took
through the courts full control of his affairs
and kept him at all the times the Prorate
was in charge of his affairs and was appointed
by appointing Masons as Guardians
in 1918 when the Masons was called
Enemy of the United States Government
and the German Government
took them all away with the organization
we were all Baron Equal that through
incorporation of organization and others we
enjoy certain privileges that is denied
the other if a Mason commits a crime
by stealing from a city or county or state

I the Prosecutor is a Mason in fact
the Mason will never be persecuted
is shameful and disgraceful and
woud to tell you I am now 75 yrs
old and have observed all these
things for years it is not Hearsey

Magony first KKK next and
then the Black Legion all
the same with same
treatment of course

Res
Blair W. Collier
Marland Okla

BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS
ASK YOUR

SAINT LOUIS, MO. 9
JUN 26 6-PM
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*Federal Bureau of Investigation
Edward Hoover*

Washington D.C.

BLASTED SAFE FOUND IN POND

Discovered Near East Carondelet;
No Owner's Name on It.

Deputy Sheriffs of St. Clair County recovered an empty three-foot safe, which had been blown open, from a pond near East Carondelet.

Holes had been drilled through the door. The safe was new and bore no owner's name. The Sheriff's office at Belleville has no record of a safe recently stolen. It was discovered by Charles Myroff, a farmer, who said it was not in the pond last Thursday, when he was there before.

NIGHT RAID ON FARM HOME

Tenant Tells of Threat of Death
by Louisiana Neighbors.

By the Associated Press.

SHREVEPORT, La., May 30.—Buck Townsend told the Sheriff's office today, that he, his son William and a friend, R. W. Thorp, were abducted from his tenant farm home near Minden, La., at night by a band of men who beat Thorp with a pistol. He said they were threatened with death if they did not move from the neighborhood. Deputies quoted Townsend as saying he recognized in the band neighbors who had "persecuted" him since he rented the farm for this year's crop. He said a neighbor wanted the farm he held.

Townsend's wife and daughter, Mrs. E. M. Musgrove, and Julia Townsend were in the house when the raiders entered. In the same community, several years ago "Captain" Billy Stark, an aged recluse, was bound, tortured with fire and knives and left to die.

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June 11, 1936

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119 East 5th Avenue,
Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir: I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 3, 1936, together with the pamphlet relative to the "Pennsylvania Bucktails", an organization which was formerly the "National Youth Movement", requesting that a thorough investigation be instituted by this Bureau with reference to the activities of the Black Legion and the Workers' Alliance.

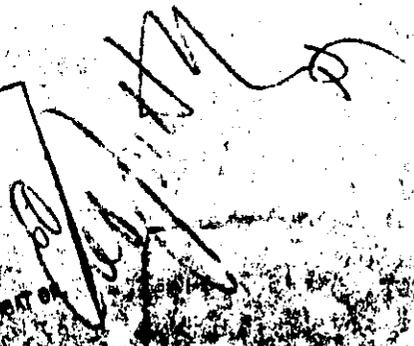
For your information, the jurisdiction of this Bureau is restricted to investigating violations of specific Federal laws. In view of the absence of any indication that the activities of either the Black Legion or the Workers' Alliance to which you refer in your communication are in violation of any such Federal law, this Bureau is without authority to conduct any investigation relative thereto.

Your courtesy, however, in referring this matter to my attention is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Pittsburgh

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PENNA. BUCKTAILS

J. L. MEGAHAN, Pres.

Formerly National Youth Movement



"Will endeavor, by radio, to bring a comprehensive view, to the people of affairs in public life, and will strive to have the W.P.A. program established as a permanent part of Government, entirely free of political influence."

June 3-1936

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Dear Sir:

In the event that you dept. will be called to investigate the activities of the Black Legion, I am sending this for your informa

During Mar. 1934 while serving in the capacity of President of the National Youth Movement, we began to hear rumors of it, and at which time I notified Miss Perkins to that effect, and received a personally answer back from her.

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In Oct 28-29-1934, the National Unemployed Councils in our state, formulated, to march to Harrisburg on these dates for a mass demonstration, again rumors coming to me were to the effect, violence would be attempted by a certain group in this organization, in the mean time we had members of our organization join this N.U.C. at Pittsburg. to the end we were able to stop the march, This endeavor as well as letters calling march were all

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them to your Dept.

We send enough members of the National Youth Movement into the N. U. C. to the end I was elected State President in November. getting busy immediately we were successful in having the several clubs torn back. Herbert Benjamin of New York Headquarters, the N. U. C. charter, and in its place we reorganize the association under the title of Unemployed Brotherhood of Pennsylvania, and changed the Communistic tendency of the Unemployed to a American organization, again this information was sent. Col. Howe.

In Jan. 1935 I was approached by some ~~men on~~ the idea of our organization join up with a organization such as the Black Legion, against Jew, Negro and catholic, I refused, and send one of the applications to Col. Howe. and endeavor was then made to have me attend a meeting to be held around

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During March, 1935, rumors became very strong concerning an outbreak in Pennsylvania, the Lu Lu Temple of Philadelphia cancelled a meeting of a group on account of Un American activities in March, I immediately got in touch with Acty Seil Margoth, who caused an investigation of the affair to be made by the State Police, outbreaks were to occur in Pittsburg Wilke-Barre - Philadelphia, Wm. C. Miller, of the State Police, spend a day with me, and I turn over to him, evidence of these activities, but at that time I did not go in to details concerning these rumors, with Mr Miller, due to the fact, they seemed so ~~childish,~~

I paid no more attention to this because I was informed, that the State Police, gathered material, in regards to organizers, and office of organization, their plans, and activities

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Again in the late summer of '35 I was approached in regards to organize a service men under a plan, whereby it would be a creed organization, etc. During June 1935, a terrific attempt was made to oust me out of the Unemployed organization, I was up with the Altoona branch, being outlawed for attempting such,

The National Youth Movement, disbanded when the Government sponsored the National Youth Administration, while in the meantime I resigned officership in the Unemployed Brotherhood, had served in official capacity in several organizations since 1930, I wanted to rest.

About 3 months ago, a few of us started to organize the above organization, and our active pursuit of mailing enclosed pamphlet, and two radio broad casts, at which time we notified the Dept of Labor at Washington, and received permission to organize from our State Committee but as yet have put on no dues for members.

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June 3-1936.

I really believe the Black Legion, and also the Workers Alliance, which is the old National Unemployed Councils of U. S. should be investigated, for I never could understand why our government allow such activities to go un-noticed and un-hindered in our country.

There is a under current working among the Unemployed, that bodes no good, I am not familiar with it, or could not find the source, but I am conscious of it.

Sincerely Yours.

J. L. Megahan

119-E-5-Ave

Altoona, Pa.



W. N. A. BUCKTAILS

Affiliated with the American Bucktails



J. L. MEGAHAN, National Chairman

NATIONAL YOUTH MOVEMENT

Dear Friend,

Any one will readily admit, that, due to a multitude of organizations, advocating ideas, toward the solution of the Unemployed situation, the condition has not improved, but is rather more confusing, thereby, causing discord among the unemployed, and those endeavoring to solve the problem.

This has caused, Strikes, Mass Demonstrations, Hunger Marches, and other Up-Risings, Proven a fertile field, for the Paid Agitator to sew seeds of discontentment, and Un-American principles, among the Unemployed, and an opportunity for the politicians, so minded, to play politics, with human misery and has availed little toward a solution.

America, will in the near future, either rise or fall, thru politics, and for that reason, this organization has confined, itself entirely, to the task of taking the relief problem, out of politics. By having either, of the political parties, at their respective convention, adopt our object, as a plank in their party platform or failing in this, to have Congress enact a bill, which will establish a permanent public works program, administered as a civil service commission.

We believe this program should pay a fair wage, yet not high enough, that it will destroy the initiative of the recipient, that they will not return to, or search for private employment, when the opportunity presents itself.

It should allow those losing private employment, to be placed immediately on it, and along unemployed, assure them work on worth while projects, until such a time that private employment, would need them, and that all persons be placed on it according to their qualifications.

Such a program would assure, the professional and business persons, of a mass purchasing power at all times, and would do away entirely with the demoralizing relief affair, which disrupts business, overloads the taxpayer, causes youth to become stagnant, the recipient misery and heartaches, and the loss of self respect.

This organization has been approved by the State of Pennsylvania as a non-profit association, and for that reason no officers are paid, no dues collected, and if you are interested in our object, form a club, raise \$4.00 by contributions, mail same to J. L. Megahan, 119 E. Fifth Avenue, Altoona, Pa., who will mail you 750 of these letters for distribution thru out your state and community for it is in that way we hope to raise public interest. Your officers names, State, and locality, will be included on your letters, or mail this to a friend in other locality.

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June 11, 1936

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Mr. [REDACTED]

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 30, 1936, furnishing information relative to one J. White who advised you that he was assaulted by a group of men wearing black robes, who you believe might have been members of the Black Legion, and requesting that such investigative action be taken relative to this matter as this Bureau deems advisable.

For your information, the jurisdiction of this Bureau is restricted to investigating violations of specific Federal laws. In the absence of any indication that the activities of the Black Legion or other similar organizations are in violation of any of these Federal laws, this Bureau is without authority to take any action relative thereto. This matter is one of purely local nature and solely within the jurisdiction of the appropriate law enforcement officials in the state of Oregon.

I appreciate, however, your courtesy in bringing this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Portland, Ore.

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Dear Mr. Hoover

With all the talk of the Black Legion spreading
country I thought you might like to investigate an incident here in Portland.

About three years ago when I was [redacted] for the Butterick Magazine Co. here, a young fellow applied for a job as a salesman. He told me a strange story of getting into trouble with his work fellows. One night he was stopped on the street, taken out on a country road and beaten up. He

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said the assailants were
black robes with a white
skull and cross-bones on
it. He didn't go back to
work as he was warned
he would die if he did.

As near as I can remem-
ber this fellow's name was
White. I am fairly certain
his initial was J. I remem-
ber that because it was the
same as my own. He lived
out in the direction of Foster
Road because he took the
Mt. Labor car home at
night.

naturally you might not
want to investigate this as

it is joy infinite. If this
so-called "menace" is nation-
al, however it will be within
your jurisdiction, and I have
often said that if every
citizen sent in even all
the slight details he or
she knew about a certain
case, you fellows would
have a much easier job.

Sincerely yours

P.S. This White only stayed two
days, couldn't sell any magazines,
so quit.

JRP