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Howard Rushmore

June 27, 1955

Dear Lou:

At Walter's request, I am enclosing several reprints of an article "The Truth About the Walter Winchell 'Retraction'", appearing in our issue on sale July 7th. It was his thought that "my FBI friends" would be interested in reading it.

regards

*Howard*

WALTER WINCHELL

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THE *Truth* ABOUT THE  
WALTER WINCHELL  
"RETRACTION"

By HOWARD RUSHMORE

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# Winchell never retracted these charges, and here

Mr. COHN. Now, how about the content in the case of the first two books?

Mr. WECHSLER. Since I have said that at the time I wrote them I was in the Young Communist League, I would hardly contend they were anti-Communist books.

Mr. COHN. Well, did they follow the Communist line?

Mr. WECHSLER. Obviously, yes.



Mr. COHN. They did. Now, when did you join the Young Communist League?

Mr. WECHSLER. In the spring of 1934.

Mr. COHN. Did you join under your own name?

Mr. WECHSLER. No; I did not.

Mr. COHN. Under what name did you join?

Mr. WECHSLER. The name that I used at that time was Arthur Lawson. Let me add that it was a name that I was given when I joined, and that I never used it again. It was not a name that I employed. There was the procedure of using fictitious names when you got your card. That was the name I was given.

Mr. COHN. For how long a period of time were you in the Young Communist League?

Young Communist League. Excerpts from report of Senate investigation's subcommittee show admission of N. Y. Post editor James Wechsler (left) that he was a member of Young Communist League. Excerpts on next page from Wechsler's testimony in Luit-Mortimer lawsuit, bear out other Winchell charges.

**Ex-Communists and his other enemies boasted they had scored a knockout over the noted reporter...but they never mentioned what Winchell *did not* retract!**

## Walter Winchell (continued)

**T**HE NEW YORK POST screamed it was a victory for truth. *Time Magazine* called it an "abject apology." The Communists, professional liberals and and pinko punks crowed that they had finally defeated the man who had battled subversion of both left and right in all his adult life.

This was the fanfare that greeted the news of a lawsuit settlement brought by the N. Y. Post, a tabloid newspaper, against Walter Winchell. The "retraction" was heard by millions of listeners over the American Broadcasting Company's TV-radio outlets last March and read in the hundreds of newspapers that carry the Winchell column.

But what the N. Y. Post, *Time Magazine*, Drew Pearson

and others never printed was that Winchell to this day has never retracted his charge that James A. Wechsler, editor of the Post, was a former official of the Young Communist League.

The controversy that shook the nation's press for two years began when the Post printed a series on Winchell in 1951. At that time — as it is now — the Post was the lowest ranking New York afternoon newspaper in terms of circulation; the use of Winchell's name on page one for two weeks was an obvious bid to pick up newstand sales by attacking the columnist.

During the Winchell series, this newspaper added 50,000 circulation on the strength of the columnist's name, but kept only 7,000 of this after the articles were concluded. Many readers claimed they were disappointed.

Winchell, seriously ill at the time the Post aimed its

# his proof — from the record — that he was right!

A Mrs. Schiff knew that I felt very strongly about the course that the editorial policy of the paper had taken in the previous year or year and a half. She was well aware that I was strongly displeased with what I felt to be the following of the Party line, at least on international issues.

the time and I don't think I held any title in the organizations, but I was quite active.

Q What titles did you eventually hold in the Young Communist League?

A I was for a period of about six months a member of the National Executive Committee.

blasts at his reputation, his family and his personal life, launched a hard-hitting counterattack when he regained his health and resumed his column. For the first time, his vast audience learned of the political background of the N. Y. Post's editor.

But the Post, which had stopped at nothing in its series against Winchell, couldn't take it. Both Wechsler and his newspaper sued the noted commentator, the papers that carried the Winchell column and the ABC Network. This didn't stop Winchell, whose courage is a Broadway legend. He continued his expose of Wechsler. After a year, pre-trial hearings were held and Winchell interrupted vacations on the West Coast to fly back and take the witness stand.

### Winchell Wanted to Fight It to a Finish

The Post presented a vast array of legal demands, including a long list of bills of particulars, in its suit. A majority of these demands (70 percent) were rejected by Supreme Court Justice Irving Saypol, who did a major job of legal surgery to make the Post stick to the issue.

At no time did Winchell take back a word of his original statements that Wechsler had been a member and a leader of the Young Communist League, an organization listed as subversive by the Attorney General of the United States.

The case dragged on, with Winchell insisting that it be fought out in the American way — before a judge and jury.

He never asked for quarter in this fight. But one night Mrs. Dorothy Schiff, publisher of the Post, introduced herself to Winchell's newspaper employer at a dinner party.

"I don't want to sue a newspaper," she said. "I'm not even angry with Walter Winchell. (Continued on page 48)



Dorothy Schiff, N. Y. Post publisher, made first move to back away from court trial. She suggested a "retraction" as basis for an amicable settlement.

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Why not settle the whole thing a cably? Can't you put in a little story saying Winchell never said we were Communists and if anyone misconstrued his remarks, they are withdrawn, etc.?"

It was the first sign that the N. Y. Post was willing to abandon the fight — if it obtained a retraction.

#### Network Had No Choice

But at about the same time, the insurance company retained by the ABC network to protect itself from libel suits was negotiating with the Post for just such a retraction. Under the contract, if lawyers for the insurance company could settle the case out of court with a retraction, ABC was powerless to order these attorneys to insist on a jury trial and still retain the benefits of insurance. The network over which Winchell had been a star for 25 years, had no choice in the matter. The retraction was arranged.

Winchell's newspaper bosses then said, "If the insurance company settles for ABC, don't you think it unfair to make us fight it alone?"

Winchell said, wearily, "I suppose so" and "authorized" the statement that later was aired over ABC and printed in his newspapers.

The noted commentator tells close friends that he feels no bitterness toward ABC — he had been with them a quarter of a century and his record as a fighter for truth was a clear-cut one. He never lost a suit on the air. The hard-hitting reporter, however, feels that the insurance company should have carried the battle into the courtroom. In 1954, five law suits against Winchell had gone before juries and five times he won out.

And Winchell repeats time and again:

"I didn't say the Post and Wechsler are Communists. I said Wechsler had been an official of the Young Communist League in the past and if I repeated it every day of the week, I'd be telling the truth. Look at the record."

The record, based on sworn statements by Wechsler himself, bears out that Winchell is accurate in saying that Wechsler, at one time, had Communist affiliations. Among his statements concerning the editor of the N. Y. Post, Winchell charged that Wechsler had at one time written

books that followed the Communist Party line.

Months after Winchell had made this charge, Wechsler was called as a witness before the Senate Investigations Subcommittee in Washington on April 24, 1953 and questioned by the committee's chief counsel, Roy Marcus Cohn, concerning two books, "Revolt on the Campus" and "War, Our Heritage."

Q. (by Cohn) Now, about the content in the case of the first two books.

A. (by Wechsler) Since I have said that at the time I wrote them I was in the Young Communist League, I would hardly contend they were anti-Communist books.

Q. Well, did they follow the Communist line?

A. Obviously, yes.

#### Wechsler Had Used an Alias

Winchell also charged that Wechsler had been known in the Young Communist League (which has been listed as subversive by the U. S. Attorney General) under the name of Arthur Lawson.

When Wechsler was called before the Senate subcommittee, he was asked:

Q. Now, when did you join the Young Communist League?

A. In the spring of 1934.

Q. Did you join under your own name?

A. No; I did not.

Q. Under what name did you join?

A. The name that I used at that time was Arthur Lawson. Let me add that it was a name that I was given when I joined, and that I never used it again. It was not a name that I employed. There was the procedure of using fictitious names when you got your card. That was the name I was given.

#### Editor's Own Testimony

Winchell also charged that other former Young Communist League members were employed by the Post. Months later, Wechsler admitted to the Senate Committee, "I believe that there are former members of the Young Communist League on the N. Y. Post."

In his expose of Wechsler's former Red career, Winchell had stated that the Post editor had been an official of the Young Communist League. On

1952, Wechsler was examined at the United States Courthouse in a pre-trial action growing out of a lawsuit filed by Jack Lait and Lee Mortimer, co-authors of the book, "U.S.A. Confidential" against the Post. Wechsler was questioned by attorneys for Lait and Mortimer.

Q. What titles did you eventually hold in the Young Communist League?

A. I was for a period of about six months a member of the National Executive Committee.

Winchell also charged in his column that Wechsler indicated that the N. Y. Post had followed the Communist party line for a period of time in the late 1940's.

#### His Discussion with Publisher

In the Lait-Mortimer suit against his newspaper, Wechsler testified that he had a discussion with Mrs. Dorothy Schiff before he became editor in 1949. He stated:

"Mrs. Schiff knew that I felt very strongly about the course that the editorial policy of the paper had taken in the previous year or year and a half. She was well aware that I was strongly displeased with what I felt to be the following of the Party line, at least on international issues."

In his appearance before the Senate committee and in his pre-trial appearance in New York, Wechsler admitted that he knew Gilbert Green, former head of the Young Communist League who is now a fugitive from the FBI. Wechsler also added that both he and the Post are now violently anti-Communist.

But the fact remains that Winchell has never signed a statement or authorized one repudiating his original declaration that Wechsler at one time had been a Red who rubbed elbows with men and women later convicted of conspiracy; and that Wechsler admitted under oath that while a Communist, he had slanted his writing to fit the Party line; and that the N. Y. Post at one time followed the Communist party line for 18 months.

This magazine, in the interests of fair play, gives its readers the story behind the story — and it is that Winchell never retracted his charge that James A. Wechsler was once a Young Communist League leader.

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June 18, 1953

Mr. Howard Rushmore  
c/o Harrison Publications  
1697 Broadway  
New York 19, New York

Dear Howard:

Thanks a lot for sending copies of the reprint  
pertaining to our friend. This made most interesting reading  
and we all appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending us advance  
copies.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

L. B. Nichols

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TO : Mr. L. F. Boardman *9-15-55*

DATE: September 12, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ad*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
September 12, 1955

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Winchell said:

The Senate Internal Security Committee will start hearings in New York very soon on Communist infiltration of Manhattan newspapers.

Comment:

This investigation is an outgrowth of disclosures of the identities of Communists in the newspaper field by [redacted] in previous testimony before the Eastland Committee. Executive session testimony concerning the individuals mentioned [redacted] was handled by previous memoranda. Public testimony of Burdett, Monroe, William Stern, Alvah Bessie, Milton Kaufman, Violet Weingarten, Murray Young, and Lyle Dowling was reviewed by the Bureau and the results furnished by memorandum from Mr. Roach to Mr. Belmont dated August 24, 1955.

The Washington news release dated September 9, 1955, reported that this committee has subpoenaed Mrs. Mary Knowles, a Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, librarian, for testimony next Thursday, September 15, 1955.



- cc - Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Baumgardner
- Mr. Bradford
- Mr. Bland
- Mr. Jordan

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Winchell said:

New York police trapped a burglar breaking into the apartment of Alger Hiss at Greenwich Village, New York. The man, according to police, has a long record of sex offenses.

Comments:

None. For your information.

Winchell said:

The American Civil Liberties Union will protest the Post Office ruling against "Confidential" magazine the current edition of which is not ruled from the United States mails.

Comment:

None. For your information.

Winchell said:

District Attorney's Office at New York City will ask indictments tomorrow (Monday, September 12, 1955,) of all top waterfront leaders charging conspiracy.

Comment:

The Associated Press reported that the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) called out 25,000 dockers Wednesday, September 7, 1955, in a showdown battle to kill off the Bi-state New York & New Jersey Waterfront Commission,

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a pier picketing agency. The ILA accused the commission of trying to wreck the union.

Comment:

None. For your information.

Winchell said:

*Carl Foreman*  
Carl Foreman, a movie writer of great skill, left for London four years ago after Hollywood Comrades testified that he was one of them. Foreman has prospered by writing for pictures in England. His American passport has just been lifted and to get a renewal Foreman must return to the United States. He cannot get this passport at any United States Embassy over there. I hear Carl Foreman is only a name to Broadway and Hollywood Reds.

Comment:



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Winchell said:

Unconfirmed reports around United States Treasury are that Commissioner of Internal Revenue T. Coleman Andrews may soon resign to make a decent wage.

Comment:

None. For your information.

Winchell Said:

The Russian Army will soon cut down by 600,000 troops. The Russians have atomic weapons for ground troops so they need fewer soldiers.

Comments:

None. For your information.

Winchell Said:

Only the uninformed do not know why the Red Chinese are suddenly showing the creed of brotherhood by releasing American citizens. The Chinese Communists want to be admitted to the United Nations which will start September 20 in New York.

Comments:

None. For your information.

Winchell Said:

The Communists will stage a series of protest meetings in Chicago starting September 17.

Comment:

These protests probably referred to the Communist interest in the murder of Emmett Louis Till, a fourteen year old Negro boy who was killed in Mississippi and buried in Chicago. A memorandum was sent to the

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Attorney General on September 9, 1955, calling this Communist Party activity to his attention. Copies of this memorandum were also furnished to Mr. Rogers, Mr. Olney and Mr. Tompkins in the Department,

Winchell Said:

Definition of a Communist - one who wants everything in America changed except the Fifth Amendment.

Comment:

None. For your information.

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: September 19, 1955

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FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1955

Winchell Said:

Former Governor Dewey will fly to Indonesia and the Near East this week on a very secret mission for the President.

Comments:

None, for your information.

Winchell Said:

The United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee will subpoena a New York labor leader. He is said to be one of those responsible for a big strike recently. He will be confronted with his alleged membership in the Communist Party.

Comment:

Winchell possibly refers to [redacted] a Security Index subject of the New York Office. [redacted] is an alleged contact for [redacted] and maintains an office in the Headquarters of the International Longshoremen's Association (Independent) in New York. The Office of Naval Intelligence recently ascertained from the American Federation of Labor that [redacted] allegedly was one of the guiding spirits behind the recent waterfront strike of the International Longshoremen's Association on the east coast.

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Winchell Said:

The Congressmen and Senators who went to Moscow recently were quoted as saying things are not as black or red as printed. They will shortly tell the truth in articles for American newspapers and magazines.

- cc - Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Baumgardner
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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Comments:

None, for your information.

Winchell Said:

~~Dictator~~ <sup>Juan</sup> Peron is expected to fly out of Argentina any night. His wealth is already in Central America and Florida.

Comments:

None, for your information.

Winchell Said:

A member of a spy ring for Russia in Washington during wartime has testified in secret sessions before Congressman Walter's investigation committee. This witness named a dozen Government employees' addresses who are working for the Government right now.

Comments:

Inquiry in the Loyalty Section and the Internal Security, Subversive Control and Espionage Sections of the Domestic Intelligence Division reflects that Winchell probably refers to the testimony of [redacted] before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA).

[redacted] on several occasions by Bureau Agents and they have identified 155 persons as Communist Party members or sympathizers during the period of their membership. Seventy-three of these individuals have been identified as members of the Communist Party. Two of these individuals named [redacted] are still employed in Government and one is employed by the United Nations. Details concerning [redacted] information furnished by him is included in the memorandum from Belmont to Boardman dated September 18, 1955.

The Washington Field Office will recontact the HCUA to ascertain whether any individuals [redacted] has furnished the information set out by Winchell in his broadcast on September 18, 1955, unless advised to the contrary by you.

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Memorandum to Boardman from Belmont:

Winchell Said:

The Senate investigation of the television and radio industry which started and ended mysteriously is quietly dying. One top man in New York can now sleep.

Comment:

Winchell probably refers to [redacted] a top television actor who is presently under investigation by the Bureau.

Winchell Said:

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The Fund for the Republic supported by a grant for \$15,000,000 from the Ford Foundation plans a probe of the FBI. P. S. F. Coleman Andrews, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, is studying the law on tax exemptions for all foundations. Moral -- Never fool around with Gene Autry.

Comment:

None, for your information.

Winchell Said:

The nation continues to watch the cases of the two young men whose naval commissions were refused because their mothers were accused of pro-Red leanings at one time. The Government was doing its public duty probing them all and I am all for that. The Coast Guard man involved by the way has been vindicated. You probably have read that in your newspapers and from the public statements of the investigating committee. Naval Reservist Landy is expected to be cleared also. Only two charges remain. The Navy Board has his record for study.

Our history books offer a most enlightening and tragic parallel. Had the very same standards been applied in 1776, we might have lost the War of Independence because we would have been deprived of the dynamic services of a very great American. In those bitter and fateful days, a Tory was regarded as much a public enemy as a Communist is today. This great American's own son was admittedly sympathetic to the enemy in wartime. They jailed him as a Tory. The son did all he could to bring his famous father's enormous prestige and influence over to the side of the British whereas at no time did the Americans of those days impugn the loyalty of the father. If they had, this famous man would not have been able to help frame the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution nor could

Memorandum to Boardman from Belmont:

this father have filled the most sensitive security post of them all, Chief Director of the United States Naval Operations. I presume you have guessed the majestic name of the very great American I mean - Benjamin Franklin.

Comments:

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Norman P. J. Gaston, a graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy Officer Candidate School had his commission withheld for security reasons involving his mother. No investigation conducted by the Bureau concerning Gaston.

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Eugene William Landy, an honor graduate of the United States Merchant Marines Academy was denied a Naval Reserve commission because of former activities of his mother.

Details of these matters have been furnished to the Director and the Attorney General.

*V. J. [unclear]*

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. V. Boardman

DATE: September 26, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
SEPTEMBER 25, 1955

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Winchell Said:

G-man John Edgar Hoover of the FBI reports that the nation during the first six months of 1955, had thirty-five murders a day.

Comment:

None. For your information.

Winchell Said:

The Fund for the Republic has as one of its fundamental purposes the protection of each individual's rights. Why in the world with hundreds of organizations on the United States Government's list of subversive outfits does this Fund for the Republic single out the American Legion for appraisal and study or even an inquiry. There is talk too that they plan to probe the FBI. All we have to do is read the record of the American Legion which unfortunately is written in stone - headstone at New Guinea, Normandy, Tunis, at Iwo Jima.

After a woman who was employed at a library took refuge behind the well known 5th Amendment before a Congressional Committee, why did the Fund for the Republic give \$5,000,

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  - Mr. Belmont
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money given to them by the ~~Ford~~ Foundation, to the very same library which continues to employ her in spite of great public protest. Ironically, there would be no 5th Amendment to plead if the men of the American Legion hadn't been ready to bleed. Americans investigating Americans is merely tax exempt under our laws. Actually, it seems to me that the Communists would be willing to pay many millions of dollars to accomplish the same result. By an equally strange coincidence, the men and women in the American Legion make up about 80% of the fighting reserve of this nation; the only real bulwark against Red globe domination. This then is the hope that the Fund for the Republic discovers that the American Legion is the finest group of public minded citizens in the world because it will be a very sorry day for all of us when it isn't and none will be sorrier than the product of free enterprise unheard of in Communist nations - the Fund for the Republic itself.

Comment:

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Mary G. Knowles, [redacted] of the Philadelphia Office who is employed as a librarian at the William Jeanes Memorial Library, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, has been the subject of considerable publicity as a result of a \$5,000 award made by the Fund for the Republic to this library where she is employed. The award was granted for the library's "courageous and effective defense of Democratic principles" in hiring Knowles after she had been discharged as a librarian at Norwood, Massachusetts in 1953, after she had invoked the 5th Amendment before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. On September 15, 1955, she testified before a public session of this Committee and refused to answer any questions concerning her past Communist activities or associates stating that she did not believe this Committee had the jurisdiction to ask her such questions concerning her background. Senator Jenner who presided at this public hearing indicated following her testimony that he planned to confer with the full Committee to consider citing Knowles for contempt. In memorandum dated September 16, 1955, from Belmont to Boardman details of her testimony were set out and the Attorney General was advised concerning this matter by letter dated September 19, 1955.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Winchell Said:

To the surprise of very few people the defendants in the "Wolf Whistle trial" were acquitted. A fourteen year old Chicago Negro was kidnapped and slain because he allegedly insulted a white man's wife. The only person who acquitted himself with honor according to the many reporters there was His Honor Judge Swango. He did his duty. The Defense Counsel convinced the jury that the victim's body was not recognizable despite the mother's identification and the signet ring on her son's finger. Sumner, Mississippi has a population of five-hundred. The jury apparently surrendered to prejudice and fear. In these communities where bigots are neighbors, hatred rules. Now these jurors can live without fear of reprisal but how can they live with themselves. Sometimes justice is blindfolded because it cannot stand the sight of what some people do in its name.

Comment:

The two white men accused of the murder of deceased Till Louis Emmett Till, a fourteen year old Chicago Negro killed in Mississippi, have been acquitted, but still await kidnapping charges. The Communist Party began nationwide agitation and protest over this murder and the details of their activities in this regard have been furnished to the Department, the White House and to the intelligence agencies. This agitation on the part of the Communist Party has also been mentioned in the Current Intelligence Summary on September 21, 1955, which is widely disseminated to Government officials.

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CC: Mr. Branigan  
Mr. Bland  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Little

DATE: October 3, 1955

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman  
FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
OCTOBER 2, 1955

Winchell Said:

Senator Joseph McCarthy will fly from Wisconsin tomorrow to be the surprise witness at the contempt trial of Harvey O'Connor, an author. Mr. O'Connor invoked the First Amendment before a recent Senate Investigative Committee.

Comment:

This undoubtedly refers to the Harvey O'Connor who was indicted 10-16-53 by a Grand Jury in the District of Columbia under U.S. Code, Title 2, Section 192, for contempt of a Senate Subcommittee investigating U.S. Government operations.



His trial is set for 10-4-55 in the District of Columbia.

Winchell Said:

Eight alleged Communists indicted for subversive conspiracy go to trial at New Haven, Connecticut, on 10-6-55.

Comment:

This undoubtedly refers to the New Haven Smith Act trial involving 8 defendants which was scheduled for 10-6-55 at New Haven but has been postponed to 10-14-55.

Winchell Said:

The following Top Secret may now be disclosed. The United States knew all through the war that Juan Pemon was a Nazi agent. We could not call his bluff or his lies without tipping off Hitler that we had broken Hitler's own personal secret code.

Comment:

A check was made with various persons in the Bureau who would have handled such matters during World War II and none had knowledge of the above allegations.

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

Winchell Said:

Attention Mr. Sherman Adams, White House, Denver, Colorado: Burgess and Maclean, the top British intelligence agents, fled to Russia following a tip that they were watched by Scotland Yard for being Russian spies. The person who tipped them off is another top British intelligence agent now in the United States. The FBI refused to give this man any information for over three years but other American intelligence departments opened up their very top secret files for him. (u)

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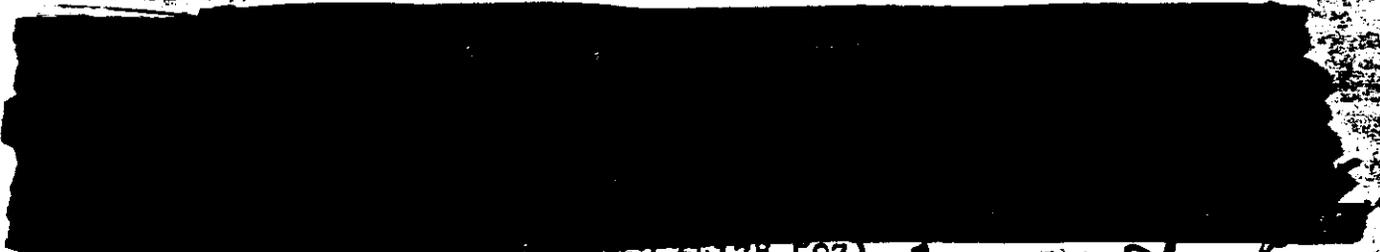
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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

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Winchell Said:

The highest court in the land will decide the Frank Costello income tax case appeal tomorrow or some Monday in October. Costello claimed he was indicted solely on the testimony of two Treasury men without corroboration. The only previous case like it was reversed on Constitutional grounds. (u)

Comment:

None. For your information. (u)

Winchell Said:

To all Northern California editors: A major party candidate running for a very high office in a big California city will be accused by the opposition of having a criminal record. (u)

Comment:

None. For your information. (u)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Boardman *LB*

DATE: 10-10-55

FROM : Mr. Belmont

CC: Mr. Eranigan Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Bland Mr. Little  
Mr. Boardman Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont Mr. Rosen  
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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
OCTOBER 9, 1955

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Winchell Said:

Washington, D. C.: A very prominent American in Buenos Aires was Peron's constant companion at those scandalous school girl parties. He is now being investigated by our Government.

Comment:

The substantive supervisor in security matters has no knowledge of such person or any investigation of Peron's associates.

Winchell Said:

Boston: Senator Joseph McCarthy will be the first witness next Tuesday at the contempt trial of Harvard teacher Leon Kamin. McCarthy arrives at Boston tomorrow.

Comment:

This undoubtedly refers to Leon Judah Kamin, formerly a Harvard University instructor. Kamin was indicted on 12-17-54 by a grand jury in Boston under U.S. Code, Title 2, Section 192, for contempt of a Senate Subcommittee investigating U.S. Government operations. The contempt took place at Boston on 1-15-54 before the McCarthy Committee when Kamin refused to answer questions from Senator McCarthy. Kamin admitted Communist Party membership prior to 1950 but refused to name other Communist Party members and was thereafter indicted for contempt. Kamin now teaches at Queen's College, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Winchell Said:

Attention Detroit "Times": Some very top people at the Dearborn Ford Motor Car Company are planning to issue a statement disassociating themselves from the Fund For the Republic.

Comment:

None. For your information.

Winchell Said:

Attention the District Attorney of New York, Frank Hogan: I think I have a valuable lead on the whereabouts of the missing financier accused of alleged embezzlement. I will make it available to you, Mr. Hogan, after the broadcast.

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Comment:

None. For your information.

Winchell Urged:

That post cards be sent to him right away with each individual's choice for President in 1956. He stated that what the public thinks is very important. "It will not only clear the air in the smoke-filled rooms of the politicians but it will help clear the way for the man you want for your President. He will not have to go to the politicians because you can make them go begging to him."

Winchell then gave the first week's tally on the Winchell Post Card Poll for President as follows:

|               |      |
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| Eisenhower    | 59%  |
| Nixon         | 12%  |
| G-Man John    |      |
| Edgar Hoover  | 9.4% |
| Stevenson     | 6%   |
| Senator       | 4%   |
| McCarthy      |      |
| Knowland      | 3%   |
| Chief Justice | 2%   |
| Warren        |      |
| Harriman      | 2%   |
| Senator       | 1.6% |
| Kefauver      |      |

Winchell stated he received over 10,000 cards in one mailbag on Friday and urged that everyone send in their choice for President, stating "The last time we did this the man you selected got elected."

Comment:

None. For your information.

Winchell Said:

Washington, D. C.: "The headlines this week told you that Pan American jet planes will bring London as close as 6½ hours by 1958. What the newspaper headlines did not tell you is that those same jet passenger planes are already flying as bombers. Meaning Moscow is only a dozen hours away. Jets fly both ways and that means that the Russian Air Force is only a half a day from your hometown. For telling you all this a few years ago I was called, among other things, a hysterical alarmist and a warmonger by my Minneapolis and my Cincinnati editors among other experts."

Comments:

None. For your information.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Winchell Said:

"Washington Post": the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) is hushing a heck of a story. Several members of that Committee refuse to approve a report prepared by their own staff. It alleged that a certain civil liberties group is a Red front, which I doubt very much."

Comment:

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This probably refers to information received from former Inspector Lee Pennington on 7-27-55 who stated he had been advised by Irving Ferman, head of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in Washington that the HCUA contemplated publishing a report reflecting seriously on the ACLU. On 7-22-55 the Assistant Director of the Legislative Division of the American Legion received a call from [redacted] a former employee of the American Legion. [redacted] stated he had seen a research study report prepared by the staff of the HCUA. [redacted] advised that there was then a determined effort to suppress the printing and public release of that document and it would require a majority vote of a 9-man committee to order printing and release. He stated that it was doubtful as to whether the majority would vote for the printing and that Congressman Scherer of Ohio was favorable to the release. [redacted] also stated that Congressmen Walter and Kearney also favored the release but that Harold Velde (former Bureau agent) might vote against it due to the fact that he is viciously against the Chief Clerk of the Committee, Tom Beale [redacted]

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Comments:

(Investigative Division)

Division 6 has no knowledge as to the identity of the individual Winchell referred to.

Winchell Said:

G-Man John Edgar Hoover may be the Republican choice to break any deadlock caused by favored son clamor.

Winchell thereafter made reference to the fact that the Sunday New York City newspapers reported the Hearst papers and the Gallup poll findings as to which candidate the Republicans want for President of the United States. He stated this reminded him of the poll he ran over the air when no one could find out for sure if Mr. Eisenhower would run in 1952. Winchell then called on the public to send him a postcard or letter right away naming a man each person would like to see President of the United States irrespective of the party - Eisenhower, Stevenson, Nixon, Harriman, Warren, Russell, Knight, John Edgar Hoover or Joe Doaks. Entries are to be sent to Walter Winchell, Box 711, New York City.

Comment:

None. For your information.

Winchell Said:

"Variety": I recently reported that the Magnuson Senate Committee was letting the probe of television die. The Senator's friends now assure me otherwise.

Comment:

The substantive supervisors in the Internal Security and Subversive Control Sections have no information regarding further probes in radio and television industry. The House Committee on Un-American Activities recently completed its investigation of the entertainment field in New York City without success.

Winchell Said:

Miami "Herald": The American Legion convention leaders rejected the offer of Ford cars. They took Dodges instead because of the hassle with the Ford Foundation's Fund For the Republic.

Comment:

None. For your information.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. BOARDMAN, ACC: Mr. Boardman  
 FROM : A. H. BELMONT Mr. Belmont  
 Mr. Branigan Mr. Little  
 Mr. Bland Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Parsons Mr. Baumgardner  
 Mr. Nichols

DATE: 10-17-55

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
OCTOBER 16, 1955

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Winchell Said:

To the editor of the Havana "Post": The Commissioner of U.S. Immigration, General Swing, plans an open-door policy for Cubans to enter the United States without a screening.

Comments:

This apparently pertains to an agreement reached between the Department of State and the Attorney General's office whereby after 10-1-55 visa requirements would be waived for Cuban nationals traveling to the United States for business or pleasure as well as Cuban students. On 9-7-55 the State Department advised the agreement had been reached after talks in the State Department and the White House in which General Swing and departmental officers took part. It was stated the plan was related to the President's desire to facilitate international travel. It was further indicated this waiver would be of a 6-month trial period and if successful it was planned to make a request of the Mexican Government for a similar procedure. On 9-8-55 the Director talked with the Attorney General at which time the Director made known the Bureau's position in this matter, namely, that such a program tends to lessen the security of the U.S. On a memo dated 9-13-55 the Director noted that "We are not going to get into it other than expressing to AG our views." (62-39749)

Winchell Said:

The United States Senate Investigating Committee is secretly working on a case similar to former Secretary of Air Talbott. The man involved is with the Interstate Commerce Commission. The charge, interfering with the Chicago transit deal.

Comment:

The substantive supervisor, Investigative Division, advised no allegations have been received along the lines of Winchell's information.

Winchell Said:

"Now everybody stand back -- no pushing -- hold on to your hats. Senator Joseph McCarthy who recently assured intimates that he would remain neutral in 1956 and support Eisenhower will enter the Presidential primaries in Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Nebraska and Illinois. Senator McCarthy's purpose is not primarily to seek the nomination for himself but to go to the convention in control of a sizable block of delegates." OCT 20 1955

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: 10/31/55

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
OCTOBER 30, 1955

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Winchell Said:

"Westminster, Maryland - Whittaker Chambers, the exposé of Alger Hiss, suffered another stroke. Mr. Chambers had almost completed his new book titled 'Our Losing Side.'"

Comments:

On 10/25/55 the Baltimore office received information from ██████████ Westminster, Maryland, that Chambers on or about 10/20/55 suffered another severe heart attack. ██████████ stated while it then appeared that Chambers may have passed the crisis, he will be confined to bed for an extended period of time. Mrs. Chambers also advised the Baltimore office on the same date as to her husband's condition. (74-13337)

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Winchell Said:

"New York City - Senator Eastland's investigating committee arrives in New York on Tuesday, next. Four days of secret sessions regarding Reds in Government and some New York newspapers."

Comments:

The substantive supervisors in the Internal Security Section and Employees Security Section do not have any additional pertinent information in regards to Reds in Government. Mr. Nichols advised ██████████ of the Committee that it will start hearings with respect to CP infiltration of NY "Times."

Winchell Said:

"Geneva - This is the low-down on why Russia will not consent to the unification of Germany. The greatest Red atomic research lab is located in Dresden."

Comments:

None. For your information.

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- Mr. Boardman
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  - Mr. Baumgardner
  - Mr. Nichols
  - Mr. Parsons
  - Mr. Rosen
  - Mr. Little

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BOARDMAN**

**Winchell Said:**

"Cairo - The following explains the current Egyptian policy. Three members of dictator Nasser's Council are members of the Communist Party."

**Comments:**

None. For your information.

**Winchell Said:**

"A former FBI agent will name two alleged Reds at tomorrow's Senate hearings in New York. They are executives in New York private schools. Their initials are B. H. and A. R."

**Comments:**

On 9/21/55 former Special Agent [redacted] advised Inspector F. C. Holloman that the Committee on Government Operations, of which Senator John L. McClellan is chairman, will inquire into three schools having received Veterans Administration (VA) funds, which schools are allegedly Communist tainted. The schools are (1) Cartoonists and Illustrators School, Inc., NYC; (2) Robert Louis Stevenson School, NYC; and (3) Radio Television Technical School, Allentown, Pa.

On 8/28/51 the VA requested available reports on [redacted] of the Cartoonists and Illustrators School. On 9/26/51 the VA was furnished a copy of a report dated 10/9/45 concerning [redacted]. The Department was also furnished a copy of the report. Copies of pertinent reports on the Cartoonists and Illustrators School have been disseminated to the Department and to the VA, G-2, ONI and OSI. (100-343311-4; 100-415268-12) On 5/29/45 former confidential informant [redacted] advised [redacted] was a member of the Unity Center Group of the Communist Political Association (CPA). (100-343311-8)

Copies of reports on the Robert Louis Stevenson School have been furnished to the Department and the VA. Dr. Annette Tate Rubenstein was a former owner of that school.

[redacted] Copies of pertinent reports on [redacted] have been furnished to the Department and the VA. (100-117432-17 and 18; 17-12099-3; 100-3533208)

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BOARDMAN**

Winchell announced the results of the Winchell Postcard Poll for President which closed at midnight Saturday as follows:

Eisenhower - 61.4 %  
Nixon - 10.3 %  
McCarthy - 6.2 %  
G-man John Edgar Hoover - 5%  
Knowland - 4.2 %  
Stevenson - 3.4 %  
Warren - 3.1 %  
Knight - 2%  
Kefauver - 1.6 %  
Harriman - 1.2 %

Winchell stated more than 100,000 postcards and letters were received in the Poll. He further stated that the opinion of nearly everywhere is that Mr. Eisenhower will not run "so where will his 60 % straw vote go? Let's try and find out sometime in '56 with another poll. What this poll revealed, in my opinion, is that the trend is heavily Republican."

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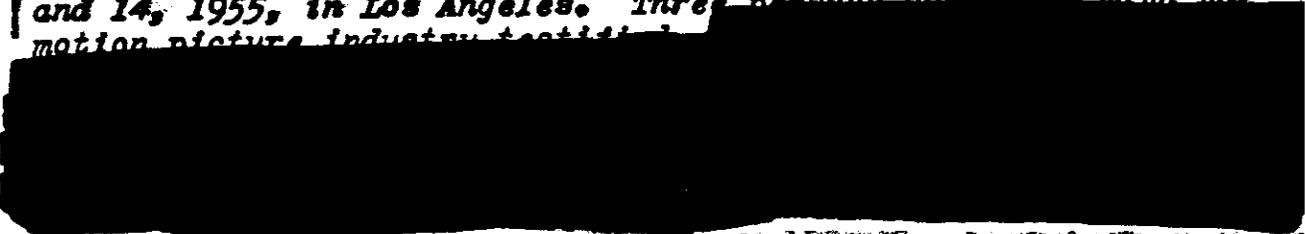
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Winchell Said:

"Washington Post" - Washington, D. C. - The House Un-American Activities Committee has very big news. They obtained statements in secret sessions in Hollywood recently that at least six screen industry names were positively members of the Communist Party."

Comments

This may refer to recent HCUA hearings held October 13 and 14, 1955, in Los Angeles. Three persons connected with the motion picture industry testified



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Sam Mostel, wa. Zero Mostel, actor, accompanied by Richard Gladstein, San Francisco attorney, was heard in open session and after testifying to pertinent background information pleaded the Fifth Amendment to all questions concerning Communist Party, Young Communist League and Communist Party front membership. Mostel has been investigated by the Bureau and has been interviewed at which time he was not cooperative. We have no evidence of current Communist Party membership or activity.

Three other individuals appeared at the hearings but were not connected with the motion picture industry. The Los Angeles office is to receive copies of the proceedings of the HCUA executive and open sessions. (61-7582-2839)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN

CC: Mr. Boardman

DATE: October 24, 1955

FROM : MR. BELMONT

Mr. Belmont Mr. Little  
Mr. Branigan Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Bland Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
OCTOBER 23, 1955

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Winchell Said:

The Senate Internal Security Committee has heard former Communist leader Earl Browder in very secret session for the last two weeks. Browder has been ordered back for more of the same.

Comment:

Winchell Said:

The Senate Investigating Committee is probing the private business connections of Maurice Stans, the newly appointed Deputy Postmaster General.

Comment:

Stans was a senior partner of the accounting firm of Alexander Grant and Company, Chicago, Illinois, and is president of the American Institute of Accountants. He received the national award of the American Institute of Accountants in 1954 in recognition of outstanding services to the profession. His file reflects no indication as to the purpose of the Senate inquiry. The column of Jerry Klutts, staff reporter of the "Washington Post and Times Herald" of 10-11-55, reflected that Stans resigned as a member of the Board of Directors of six corporations and severed all of his connections with the accounting firm of Alexander Grant and Company preparatory to being sworn in as Deputy Postmaster General on 10-17-55. (77-68034)

Winchell Said:

G. David Shine, formerly of the front pages, has been demoted from corporal to president of Shine Hotels.

Comments:

None. For your information.

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Winchell Said:

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Howard ~~Rushmore~~ who quit as editor of "Confidential" magazine last week is now in Hollywood. The reason he is there may make a front-page story.

Comment:

The files of Howard Rushmore and "Confidential" and checks with supervisors in the Internal Security Section and Records and Communications Section failed to indicate the purpose of Rushmore being in Hollywood. (u)

Winchell Said:

The New York "Daily News" yesterday reported that a third British intelligence agent was the tipster who told Burgess and Maclean, the Red spies, to escape to Russia. "A Winchell exclusive, except for his name, many weeks ago." (u)

Comment:

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Winchell Announced:

That the Winchell Post Card Poll for President in 1956 will end next Saturday at midnight. He urged that each individual send in his choice for President. The tally up to date was announced as follows:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Eisenhower                                    | 58%          |
| Nixon   | 10%          |
| G-Man, John Edgar Hoover and Senator McCarthy | 7% each      |
| Stevenson                                     | 5%           |
| Knowland                                      | 4%           |
| Knight, Kefauver, Warren and Harriman         | Less than 2% |

Comment:

None. For your information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: November 7, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

- cc - Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Branigan
- Mr. Bland
- Mr. Baumgardner
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Shaw

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
NOVEMBER 6, 1955

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Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
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Winchell Said:

"The Senate Internal Security Committee will start hearings very soon regarding Red infiltration of a New York newspaper."

Comments:

Winchell, in his broadcast, 10/30/55, stated that "Senator Eastland's investigating committee" would arrive in New York for four days of secret sessions regarding "Reds in Government and some New York newspapers."

As was stated in memorandum of A. H. Belmont to L. V. Boardman 10/31/55, relative to Winchell's broadcast, 10/30/55, Mr. Nichols has been advised by [redacted] of the committee that it will start hearings with respect to Communist Party infiltration of New York "Times."

Winchell Said:

"Senator McCarthy's charges of Reds on the National Labor Relations Board involves one member of the five-man board."

Comments:

From press releases and information furnished Bureau by [redacted] on 10/14/55, it is obvious that Winchell refers to Ivar Herbert Peterson (Bufile 77-45148). Memorandum of C. H. Stanley to Mr. Rosen, 10/20/55, captioned "Proposed Speech by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy re Communist Infiltration into National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)" sets forth all information available in Bureau files concerning Peterson.

Winchell Said:

"Geneva - As I reported last Sunday, the first peace objective, the unification of Germany, is deadlier than Adolf Hitler. Moscow just won't allow it."

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman:

Comments:

None. For your information.

Winchell Said:

"Washington - The publisher of Ebony magazine will debunk present Communist claims, the big claim, that the American Negro is poverty stricken and exploited. This man will penetrate the Iron Curtain over the mike of the 'Voice of America' with this uppercut, that in 1955 the total income of our Negro population will be 16 billion dollars, far greater I am told, than the national income of Canada."

Comments:

Ebony is a monthly Negro publication established in 1945. John H. Johnson is editor. This magazine is published by Johnson Publishing Company, 1820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. (See Ayers Directory of Newspapers and Publications, 1953)

Winchell Said:

Puerto Rico - Rudolph Halley, one-time menace of Frank Costello and many bookies, confirmed the other day that he knew a key member of a syndicate promoting a big gambling operation in Puerto Rico. Mr. Halley told a newspaper man that he was always for, for, legalized gambling. Mr. Halley has a very short memory."

Comments:

The substantive supervisor in the Criminal Section advised that the identity of the individual referred to above is not known to the Bureau.

Halley served as Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, from 1937 to 1942. He was Assistant Counsel for the United States Senate War Investigating Committee, 1942 to 1944, and Chief Counsel from 1944 to 1945. It was rumored that he had been friendly with Frank Costello and other gambler interests. (Bufile 62-95503-10)

The "New York Herald Tribune" on 11/4/55, carried an article by Joseph B. Selvin captioned "\$1,500,000 Syndicate to Sell Stock, Halley in Puerto Rico Gambling Company." This article states that Rudolph Halley, former Chief Counsel of the Kefauver Crime Investigating Committee, and the former President of the New York City Council, is a key member of a syndicate that is promoting a new \$1,500,000 operation in Puerto Rico.

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman:

Winchell Said:

"'Boston Record' - Government people are checking information that Judge Aldrich who dismissed part of a case, a contempt case, against Harvard instructor Kamin, is on the Board of Overseers of Harvard. Possible ground, I am told, for disqualification."

Comment:

The substantive supervisor in the Subversive Control Section advised that no allegation has been received along the lines of Winchell's information.

Federal Judge Bailey Aldrich was investigated as a "Departmental Applicant, United States District Judge, Massachusetts" in 1954. Investigation reflected that he is a person of excellent character and reputation and highly regarded in the legal profession. A copy of all investigative reports was furnished the Department. (Bufile 77-61291)



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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: 11/14/55

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
NOVEMBER 13, 1955

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Winchell said: "Los Angeles--Demonstrations on city halls of many leading American cities will soon start arms for Israel marches. The first, next Tuesday, at Los Angeles."

COMMENT: None. For your information.

Winchell said: "Tel Aviv--The brutal truth is that the proposed truce in the Near East means that Israeli will be asked to wait while the Arabs arm. Tough, Israeli right now could take Damascus and Cairo within a month."

COMMENT: None. For your information.

Winchell said: "Madrid--Rocks were thrown through the window of the US Embassy in a midnight raid. The demonstrators got away in cars."

COMMENT: None. For your information.

Winchell said: "Washington--The Senate Investigating Committee meets tomorrow morning. It will refer Senator McCarthy's charge against the NLRB to the House Un-American Activities Committee."

COMMENT: Winchell, in his broadcast, 11/6/55, stated that, "Senator McCarthy's charges of Reds on the National Labor Relations Board involves one member of the five-man board."

As was stated in memorandum of A. H. Belmont to L. V. Boardman, 11/7/55, relative to Winchell's broadcast 11/6/55 it is obvious that Winchell referred to [redacted] Memorandum of C. H. Stanley to [redacted]

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Mr. Rosen, 10/20/55, captioned "Proposed Speech by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy re Communist Infiltration into National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)" sets forth all information available in Bureau file concerning [REDACTED]

Winchell said: "Gettysburg--The President is expected to name a New York lawyer, his name is Pete Joseph Minetti (phonetic) to the Civil Aeronautics Board, this week."

COMMENT: A special inquiry type of investigation of Giacente Joseph Minetti, then an attorney at Brooklyn, New York, was conducted at the request of the Secretary of Commerce. A summary memorandum reflecting results of the investigation was transmitted to the Secretary of Commerce, the Attorney General and the White House on 8/3/54. The investigation was favorable to Minetti. (Bufile 77-11141)

Winchell said: "To all Rip Van Winkle newspapers who 'picked hush' that the Communist fronts are dying out. The Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born held a dinner-dance in Los Angeles, October the 29th, \$15 a plate. It was attended by over 1200 persons."

COMMENT: Information concerning the "Fifth Annual Testimonial Dinner-Dance" of the Los Angeles affiliate of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, held at Los Angeles on 10/29/55, and attended by about 1200 persons at \$15 per plate, was furnished Bureau by Los Angeles. This information was disseminated to Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins by memorandum dated 11/7/55. (Bufile 100-7046)

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *show notes*

DATE: November 21, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *also*

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
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Winchell Said:

"Washington - Judge Francis E. Rivers (phonetic) will be the President's next appointment. The first Negro Federal judge in the New York area."

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The substantive supervisor in the Special Inquiry Section has advised that no current investigation is being conducted on Rivers for the position of United States District Judge, nor has he ever been the subject of a Bureau investigation.

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory lists one F. E. Rivers as being an attorney in New York City.

Winchell Said:

"Berlin - Chancellor Adenauer is desperately ill. His passing would be a terrible blow for the West." The Communists, however, know that Adenauer is failing fast."

Comment:

None. For your information.

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Winchell Said:

"Manila - Red China is putting a squeeze on Portugal to turn over the city of Macao. That's the diplomatic way of telling Great Britain that Hong Kong could be next. Gangsters in the United States simplify it by the phrase 'or else.'"

Comment:

None. For your information.

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Winchell Said:

The top headache at the Department of State is the tremendous pressure by the allies to do business as usual with the Reds, despite the Geneva flop. For practical purposes they have served notices that they cannot afford not to trade with Red China."

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Comments:

None. For your information.

Winchell Said:

"All Chicago newspapers - A National Teen-Age Conference will be held in Chicago on January seventh and eighth to promote the Labor Youth League. This league is on the United States Attorney General's suspected list."

Comments:

New York Office, by airtel, October 17, 1955, advised that at a National Council meeting of the Labor Youth League (LYL) held at New York City, October 16, 1955, a proposal was made and adopted that a "National Teen-Age Conference" be held in Chicago on January 7, 8, 1956.

By memorandum, October 20, 1955, Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins was advised of the proposed meeting of the LYL at Chicago.

New York and Chicago have been instructed to follow the activities of the LYL closely, particularly with reference to the "National Teen-Age Conference" and to advise the Bureau and all interested offices of all pertinent information obtained in this regard. (Bufile 100-362555)

Winchell Said:

"New York Daily Mirror - The Senate Internal Security Committee will start the most extensive and sensational probe of alleged Reds on New York newspapers tomorrow morning at Taylor's (phonetic) Courthouse, Foley Square. Over thirty newspaper people have been subpoenaed from the most famous newspaper in the world."

Comments:

Bureau has previously been advised that the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee contemplates holding hearings to investigate alleged Communist influence in the "New York Times."

By airtel, November 4, 1955, Bureau advised New York, San Francisco and Washington Field Offices of scheduled hearings of Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Airtel instructed New York to immediately search indices on probable witnesses; to bring cases up to date; to reopen cases on individuals and organizations where necessary to bring up to date; and to submit reports promptly. (Bufile 62-88217)

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman:

Winchell Said:

"London - British Intelligence, that's MI-5, is now certain about the missing third man in the Burgess-Maclean spy case. British Secret Agent, Altho Proletta, (phonetic), MI-5, says he is a senior diplomat who left the service two years ago and not previously mentioned. The British Foreign Office is skeptical."

Comment:

Winchell, in his broadcast, October 23, 1955, stated, "the New York 'Daily News' yesterday reported that a third British Intelligence Agent was the tipster who told Burgess and Maclean, the Red spys, to escape to Russia."

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

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DATE: November 28, 1955

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
NOVEMBER 27, 1955

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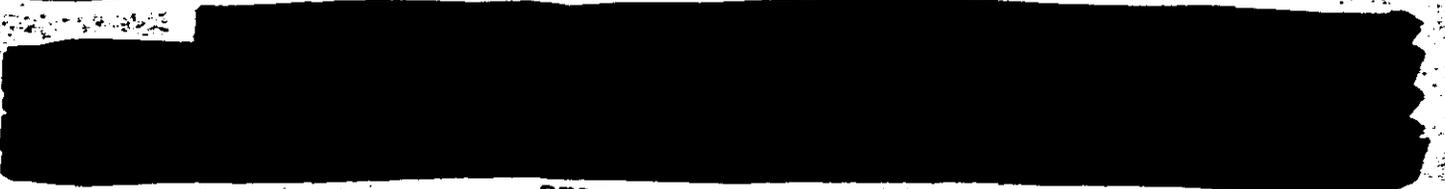
Winchell Said:

"Washington - U. S. Senate hearings regarding Reds on New York newspapers will start definitely December, 5, for three days at the U. S. Courthouse, Foley Square, New York City. One of the men subpoenaed is a Pulitzer Prize winner."

Comment:

As was stated in memorandum of Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman, 11-21-55, relative to Winchell's broadcast, 11-20-55, Bureau has previously been advised that the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee contemplates holding hearings to investigate alleged Communist influence in the "New York Times."

The Pulitzer Prize winner referred to by Winchell is undoubtedly Benjamin Fine. Fine won the 1943 Pulitzer Award for the "New York Times," "for the most disinterested and meritorious public service rendered by an American newspaper during the year." (Who's Who in America 1952-53)



Winchell Said:

"New York City. The same Senate Committee subpoenaed thirty members from one New York newspaper plus many radio and television people in New York. Two members of the newspaper involved have just resigned. One is a woman. The other was the assistant Editor on the Foreign Desk."

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