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July 25, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
 July 25, 1943

The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date.

I. GERMAN MATTERS, ALLEGED FIFTH COLUMNIST IN THIS COUNTRY

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States; The conflagration outside our borders is getting under control, but America is still full of dynamite. Our ship of State is trailed by the greatest pack of sharks in our history. The Ku Klux Klan still despises the Constitution. The only thing they have achieved in twenty years is a wider list of victims. The so called Vindicators of the South are still waiting for revenge, and the so called Front in Brooklyn is still anxious to outrage the teachings of the man whose name they stole. They don't want a general American Constitution. They want their particular American dictator. They believe in murder by moonlight; not trial by jury. They believe the right to assemble is the power to run a concentration camp. They knew America was a powder magazine and they hoped that Adolf Hitler would be the torch. Well, let's face the facts. Victory for the American Army will bring the greatest Constitutional crisis in our history. These same people will accuse our Allies and our Government of undermining our system; the very same system they seek to destroy. They will charge that every mistake was a crime. There has been only one major mistake and that is, Democracy's traditional crime against itself: it spares the enemy within. In its hour of strength, it protects the men who await its hour of weakness. Let us remember, please, what happened to fourteen other nations which used kid gloves on their crackpots. The democratic leaders who refused to take them seriously were shot down by the quizzing's without even a trial."

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The information in the Bureau's files regarding the Ku Klux Klan was referred to the Criminal Division a few months ago. Subsequent to that time the Criminal Division advised that an investigation of the Ku Klux Klan would be warranted.

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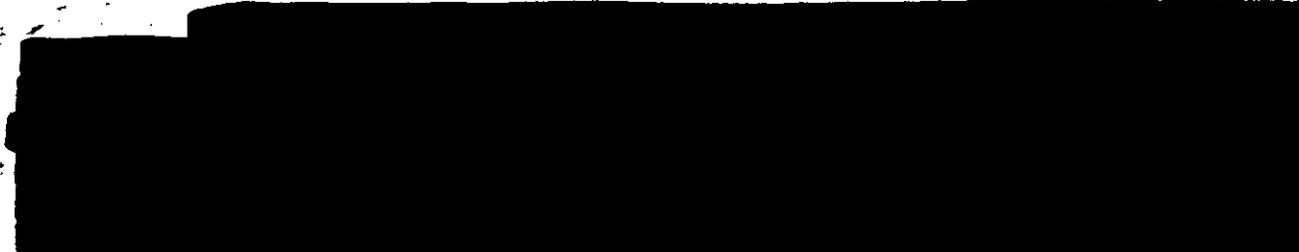
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II. "UNDER COVER" BY JOHN ROY CARLSON

This book was described as a potential best seller and its author was described as something approaching the status of a national hero. Mr. Winchell stated:

"New York - This week a new book was published which gives every indication of becoming a best seller, its title being, 'Under Cover', by John Roy Carlson, which is not his real name. Some of us know his real name and some day a grateful nation will demand that his real name be made public. For many years, ladies and gentlemen, this fearless detective lived with, and worked with, the Americans he now exposes by name and address; Americans in low and very high places who worked for Hitler over here. Mr. Carlson documents every word in his book, and I trust all of you will read it, especially those skeptics who scoffed when some of it was first told by your news boy as far back as 1933. The title again, 'Under Cover', 'Under Cover', 'Under Cover'. Be sure to read it, the expose Martin Dies promised to make public and didn't - didn't - didn't."

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- A book review of "Under Cover" is presently being prepared in the Office of the Chief Clerk, Records Section.
- Mr. Winchell stated that McWilliams is presently employed in a defense plant and urged his listeners to protest to the Department of Justice about McWilliams being permitted to hold such a job. Mr. Winchell stated:
- "Chicago - The Chicago Sun and New York PM revealed the latest hitch in the notorious career of Joe McWilliams. He's the former rabble-rouser who doctored for Hitler on New York's street corners until, that is, the Mayor of New York made matters too hot for him. Joe 'McNothing', who marched with Bund leader Fritz Kuhn and other ingrates, is now employed as a so called engineer in war plants. His employer, ladies and gentlemen, is the George F. May Company of Chicago, New York, and San Francisco. It is your duty, I think, to write to the Department of Justice in protest."

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IV. GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERECK

Reference was made by Mr. Winchell to the fact that several Congressmen were associated with Viereck but that little publicity was given to their identity and their association with Viereck during his trial. He stated:

"Washington - As you probably know from reading your newspapers, George Sylvester Viereck has been convicted as a Nazi agent. He is facing a probable twelve year term in Federal jail. But one item in the indictment seems to have been buried or 'played down'. So let's make it public now. The indictment under which Viereck was convicted charged him with using some members of Congress to help spread Nazi propoganda. Congressional immunity shields these Legislators from the long arm of the law. But why aren't their names revealed. Why's that? When this reporter exposed the link between some members of Congress and Nazi agents over here, he was almost court-martialled. But now it seems that it is all very legal, except publication of their names. We'll see about that!"

The Congressmen to whom Mr. Winchell referred were undoubtedly Representative Hamilton Fish of New York, Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina, Senator Gerald P. Aye of North Dakota, Senator D. Worth Clark of Idaho, Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, and the former Senator Lundeen. Contrary to Mr. Winchell's statement, a great deal of publicity has been given to Viereck's association with these Congressmen and evidence was introduced at Viereck's trial regarding the material they inserted in the Congressional Record as a result of Viereck's efforts.

V. CURRENT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Mr. Winchell made the following comments which may be of general interest:

"Reporters all over the world are trying to find out the whereabouts of Benito Mussolini. The newspaper men who have covered Rome do not believe that the infamous coward has left Italy. They believe that he resigned only under personal pressure

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"which probably included threats on his life. If Mussolini has left Italy, his safest hideout would be Switzerland.

"Marshall Rodolph Gratziani, one of those named by the King of Italy to replace the Mussolini menagerie, was described today as a friend of the United Nations and an enemy of Fascism. This is not so. Gratziani, according to Washington insiders, was one of the original blackshirt murderers.

"Stockholm telephone contact between Rome and Sweden was broken tonight. The breakdown in telephone connections was discovered when Swedish newspapers tried to confirm the report of the Duce's resignation. It is not yet known whether the break was made on the German or the Italian exchange.

"The Vatican City - The most exciting piece of debunking was yesterday's broadcast from the Vatican, which branded as entirely unfounded the German and Italian reports that Pope Pius has protested the raids to President Roosevelt. In Washington it is again emphasized that the raids will be as often as necessary or until Rome is declared an open city and makes it so."

Respectfully,

*Grant Stetter*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DATE July 22, 1943

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Walter Winchell, in his column of July 21, 1943, stated "the number of draft evaders is more than two million." I am unable to suggest any possible source for such information.

For your information, to date this Bureau has handled 253,482 investigations of Selective Service matters, and of these 70,116 related to individuals who failed to possess their registration or classification cards.

Respectfully,

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# Walter Winchell In New York

Cong. James McGranery of Penn. will be tabbed to succeed James Rowe as ass't to the attorney-general of the U. S. ... Rowe goes into a navy uniform. The number of draft evaders is more than two million.

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July 11, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST,  
JULY 11, 1943

The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast this date.

I. GERMAN MATTERS

Mr. Winchell addressed himself to the following subjects touching on German activities which seem to be of some possible or potential interest:

A. Nazi Activities in Mexico

Mr. Winchell stated: "Mexico City. Novelist Zena Saret's (phonetic) reported in the press as seriously hurt after being struck by a motorcar in Mexico City, was actually the victim of Nazi thugs. Her recent best seller was an attack on the Hitler regime."  
*Anna Saret*

B. Fritz Thyssen, Former German Economic Minister.

Mr. Winchell commented: "Buenos Aires. Although he has been reported dead by the Nazi-controlled press in Germany and Vichy, France, it is now said that Hitler's first great financial backer, Fritz Thyssen, is alive. This has not been verified. Fritz Thyssen, they say, is believed to be making munitions for the Allies in South America."

You will recall that there have been many conjectures prevalent during recent months as to the possibility that Thyssen may be alive, and if so, as his present whereabouts. As indicated, it would appear that these are all positions and are not based on substantiated data.

II. DIVISION SIX MATTERS

A. War Frauds Cases

Mr. Winchell stated: "One of the best known shipyards in the United States will soon be indicted by a Federal Grand Jury. The former Federal Attorney Medalie will be defense counsel. The shipyards are not Kaiser's. They are not Kaiser's."

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It would appear that Mr. Winchell was referring to the war frauds case involving the Sullivan Dry Dock and Repair Corporation. This case has been extensively investigated by the Bureau and, according to present plans, it will be presented to a Grand Jury in the very near future, probably next week, in the Eastern District of New York. The charges against this corporation will involve, among other things, alleged salary kickbacks and falsified expense accounts amounting in total to probably in excess of \$70,000. Some five of the company's officers are involved as prospective defendants. Attorney George Medalie, formerly United States Attorney at New York, will, as indicated by Mr. Winchell, probably be retained as defense counsel.

#### B. New York Murder Case

Mr. Winchell remarked that the New York Police are on the verge of breaking "a big murder Case" involving the recent slaying of a woman in the Merritt Park section of New York. He described this case as being one of a "very sensational nature." No further names or identifying data were mentioned and it would appear that this is exclusively a State case.

### III. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

During the broadcast Mr. Winchell addressed himself to the following subjects which appear to be of general interest to the Bureau:

#### A. Comment Concerning Mussolini's Secreting Money in Argentina

Mr. Winchell stated that it is now definitely known that Mussolini and members of his family have deposited large amounts of Italian gold bullion in vaults in banks at Buenos Aires, Argentina, and in Dublin, Ireland. You remember that in a recent broadcast Mr. Winchell made a similar remark, observing at the time that Mussolini's son-in-law, Count/Ciano, has already "sent most of his stolen money to Argentina."

#### B. Allusion to Use of Franking Privilege for Propaganda Purposes

At one point in his broadcast Mr. Winchell commented at length concerning the splendid progress which has been made by the American Armed Forces. In extending these observations he stated, in substance, that in the future America must beware of its past mistakes and illusions of "isolationism," and that in the future it must be at all times adequately armed and organized to prevent recurrences of any more "Pearl Harbors." During this discussion Mr. Winchell referred at one point to international boundaries, remarking that they were not secure and do not mean what they did in years past when modes and manners of travel were comparatively more primitive. At this point he referred in part to international boundaries as representing in some instances the lines of demarcation where "propaganda can be mailed on a Congressman's franks." Quite obviously Mr. Winchell was referring in a rather indirect and offhand manner to the rather numerous instances wherein "isolationist" and similar

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material has been distributed under the franking privilege. You will recall that this practice was referred to rather frequently in connection with the recent trials of George Sylvester Viereck.

C. Extension of Network Carrying Mr. Winchell's Broadcast

In closing his broadcast, Mr. Winchell stated that beginning next Sunday, July 18, his broadcast will be featured by all Blue Network stations and that in the future 151 stations, in contrast to the present 116 stations, will carry his program. He further stated that "at many places" his program will be broadcast "at a different time," and in this connection urged his listeners to consult their newspapers as to any changes in time affecting them.

Respectfully,

*J. P. Hanratty*  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

August 1, 1943



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST,  
August 1, 1943

The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date:

I. MATTERS PERTAINING TO <sup>Party</sup> ~~COMMUNIST~~ ACTIVITIES

- A. Reported instructions by Communist Party officials to membership concerning interviews by Bureau Agents

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. In case John Edgar Hoover hasn't heard about it yet, this is for the FBI. The Communists have a new line of attack against G-men. In a recent letter, high Party Communistic officials state that the Supreme Court legalized the Communist Party in preserving the citizenship of William Schneidman of the West Coast. Party members have been ordered not to answer questions of G-men, and whenever a G-man asks a suspected Communist any question, that member is to report the G-man to Party headquarters."

The Omaha Field Office recently advised the Bureau that under date of June 25, 1943 the Secretary of the 32nd District of the Communist Party, covering the States of Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas, suggested to the Party membership in that area in the form of a mimeographed letter that in the event they were approached by Bureau Agents desirous of interviewing them, they should inform the Agents that the Party has been legalized by the Schneidman decision, that the Agents should busy themselves with contributing toward winning the war "as the Communist Party is doing" and should extract detailed information from the Agents as to their names, credential numbers, addresses, et cetera. It was further suggested to the membership that the questions asked should not be answered, that requests should be made for representation by counsel and that any attempts at interviews should be immediately reported to Party headquarters. The receipt of this information was made available to the Field under date of July 23, 1943 in the form of a letter addressed to all Special Agents in Charge. In this letter it was pointed out that this situation will not alter the Bureau's practice of having Agents properly identify themselves when the circumstances so dictate in the usual way in connection with their official investigations. However, in connection with the



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Party's instruction to the membership that detailed information should be secured from Agents as to their status, credential numbers, et cetera, it was further pointed out that this function can and should be accomplished without any ostentatious or unusual exhibitions of credentials or badges. Specific instructions were set forth that under no circumstances should credentials or badges be allowed out of the Agents' possession at any time during such interviews. It was further stressed that during the course of any interviews of this type Agents should be very circumspect and should be always mindful of the fact that they are conducting the interviews and are not being interviewed.

#### B. Activity within the American Labor Party

Mr. Winchell commented: "Another war has been declared between the Left and the Right Wings of the American Labor Party. Scandalous charges will be made alleging that union leaders are conspiring against Soviet Russia. The explosion will be heard on Tuesday next."

The Bureau is aware that for a considerable period of time there has been a definite clash between the Right and Left elements within the American Labor Party. The Leftist faction is controlled by the Communist Party and represents the expression of Communist ideals and purposes within the American Labor Party. The Right element, on the other hand, is under the influence of Socialists and Social Democrats. The Leftist element has been attempting to gain complete control of the American Labor Party and on practically all questions of a controversial nature, the Right and Left elements are in strict conflict. One representation of this is to be found in the reaction to the Russian Government's recent execution of Alter and Erlich, Polish leaders. The Right element within the American Labor Party severely condemned the Soviet for this action, while the Leftists defended the action with equal vigor. The Bureau is not aware of any specific outbreak of difference of opinion scheduled between these two groups within the near future, but it would appear that the comments set forth above, if of substance, may have reference to the continuation of the disputes and differences between these two factions within the American Labor Party.

## II. SEDITION MATTERS

#### A. Gerald L. K. Smith

Mr. Winchell remarked: "Buffalo, New York. A few weeks ago I reported the rabble rousing of 'wackpot' Gerald L. K. Smith of Detroit at a meeting in Buffalo, in which he reportedly trampled on an American flag and then spat upon it. The fighting mad Erie County Post of the American Legion there in Buffalo unanimously passed a resolution to ask the Department of Justice to take action against Gerald L. K. Smith. How about giving him a bath."

This remark has reference to a speech given by Smith at Buffalo, New York approximately six weeks ago. During his speech Smith, in an endeavor to dramatize his dislike for any idea of "world union" or combination of government between Great Britain and the United States, displayed a flag which, he stated, represented the proposed flag to be used as a representation of Anglo-American unity under one government. This flag was not the American flag, as stated by Mr. Winchell, but was a makeshift affair, purportedly a copy of a proposed flag which has been suggested by those persons who advocate "world union." The Erie County Post of the American Legion, as well as one of the newspapers in Buffalo, claimed that the flag or replica used by Smith was actually the flag of St. George, which in colonial days was used by the Continental Armies prior to the adoption of the present American flag. A copy of its resolution was forwarded to the Bureau by the Erie County Post of the American Legion, in view of the allegations set forth, the matter was referred to the Criminal Division of the Department, as in the case of all pertinent information which is received concerning Gerald L. K. Smith. The Department indicated that Smith's activities in this regard do not justify prosecution, and it would appear that there is little doubt as to the correctness of this opinion, inasmuch as the flag reportedly desecrated by Smith was not the currently adopted American flag. Furthermore, the Department has advised that under Federal statutes it is not a violation to desecrate even the American flag unless the desecration takes place within the District of Columbia.

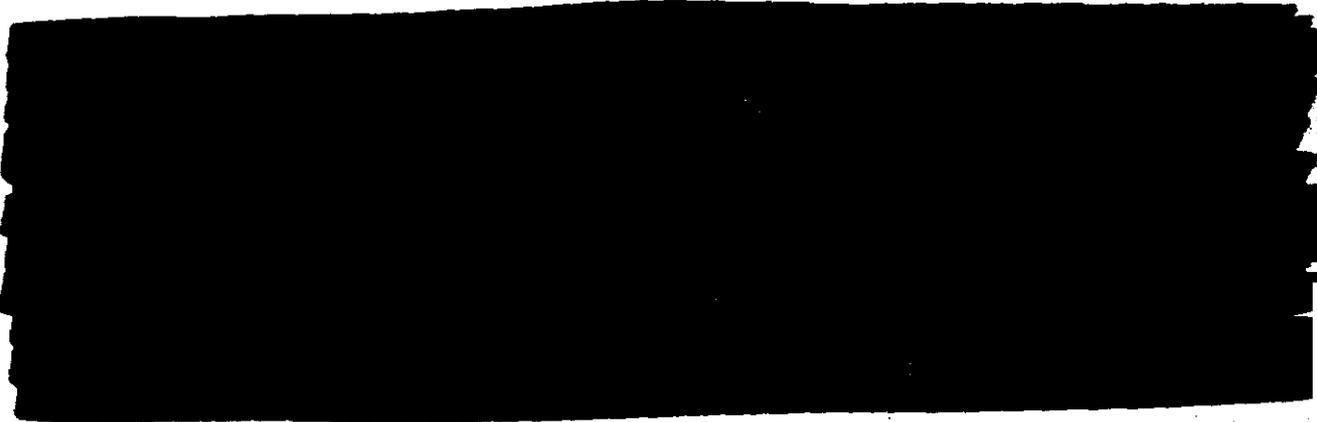
B. Joseph E. McWilliams

Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. Last Sunday night your newsboy gave wider circulation to the stories from the "Chicago Sun" and New York's "PM" regarding Joe McWilliams, the Hitler roter, getting a job that gave him entry to industrial plants which have war and Naval contracts. Apparently your protests did the trick. I am now told that Joe McWilliams' new employer, the George S. May Company, has discharged him. If you want to know more about Joe McWilliams and others over here who marched in the Hitler parade, read the new best seller "Under Cover" and then shudder with revulsion."

During a subsequent portion of his broadcast, Mr. Winchell gave expression to the following additional remarks concerning McWilliams.

"New York City. Tomorrow's "PM" will carry the complete story on the ousting of Joe McNazi from his job with the George S. May Company. McWilliams is quoted as saying, get this, McWilliams is quoted as telling the "PM" reporters that he lost his job because of the intolerant forces working against him. Ha, Ha, Ha! Kindly omit flowers."

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III. TREASON MATTERS

A. Recent indictment of eight individuals broadcasting from Axis territory

Concerning these cases, Mr. Winchell made the following observations: "Washington. I was among those who were not impressed by the report last week that several Americans broadcasting to the Axis in Germany and Italy were indicted for treason, even though the penalty when and if captured is death, not while so many of their echoes over here in high places and low are allowed to go on getting away with practically the same murder. My only interest in those indicted abroad is to tell you this. On these broadcasts, ladies and gentlemen, came the very first mention of the activities of half of those traitors. Their names are: Jane Anderson, Constance Drexel, Otto Louischwitz and Fred Kalltenbach. All four traitors were first struck by this reporter's spotlighting in 1936."

You will recall that the four individuals mentioned are among the eight persons who were indicted for treason in the District of Columbia on July 26 last. Although Mr. Winchell has from time to time during recent year made reference to the four persons mentioned in his broadcasts, it is of interest to note that the treasonable activities of these persons, that is, their broadcasts from Axis territory, did not commence until 1940.

Later in this broadcast Mr. Winchell made the following remark concerning Robert Best, one of the eight persons indicted for treason: "Lisbon. Robert Best, one of the eight American traitors indicted for treason by the United States, has reacted to the indictment on a short-wave broadcast from Berlin. He was indicted, he said, because Roosevelt is trying to keep him, Best, from running for the Presidency in 1944."

It is known to the Bureau that during the summer of 1942 Best announced his candidacy for the Presidency of the United States in 1944. The Bureau has not previously been informed, however, that since his indictment Best has claimed that the indictment against him was predicated on a desire to keep him, Best, from seeking the Presidency.

B. Treason case concerning Mrs. Henry Topping

Mr. Winchell stated: "Mrs. Henry Topping, mentioned by me recently as the American traitor broadcasting from Tokyo, was positively identified by our State Department. She is the widow of a missionary. She is eighty years old, 80 years old."

During the course of his broadcast July 18 last, Mr. Winchell made reference to this individual, stating that she is engaged in treasonable activities in connection with propaganda broadcasts from Tokyo. The Bureau's files reflect no information which can be identified with this individual, and accordingly the State Department has been requested to furnish all data in its possession concerning her. This matter is being followed very closely, and as soon as information is received from the State Department, appropriate investigation will be instituted to determine whether she is engaged in treasonable activities.

IV. MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO THE BUREAU

During one portion of his broadcast, Mr. Winchell spent considerable time in analyzing the general progress of the war. As a phase of these remarks he commented that the ordinary persons, in contrast to the leaders of the Government, are ultimately responsible for the well-being of world conditions and are themselves the ones who must bear the brunt and hardships of warfare. In extending these remarks, he stated that the people of America should make certain in the future that intolerance is not permitted and that America is riddled of all "anti-democratic forces." His closing statement to this effect was that world peace begins at home and that the people themselves must be responsible for eliminating intolerance and other anti-democratic factors which cause disruption. Although he talked at length on the subject, Mr. Winchell did not mention any names and apparently was editorializing on the necessity of democracies being well educated and careful to eliminate anti-democratic factors which foment and cause trouble. In concluding his broadcast Mr. Winchell stated that he would be on vacation for the next four weeks and will not return to the air until the first Sunday in September. During this interim his broadcasts are to be taken over by three news commentators, Ful Ousler, Robert St. John and Louella Parsons.

Respectfully,

*J. P. Hanratty*  
J. P. Hanratty

J. EDGAR HOOVER  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
August 8, 1943

In the absence of Mr. Winchell, who is vacationing, Robert St. John, Louella Parsons and Frederick Oursler described as an eminent foreign correspondent, a well-known Hollywood reporter, and an outstanding author and correspondent, respectively, appeared on the broadcast this date.

Mr. Oursler made the following comments concerning matters of interest to the Bureau:

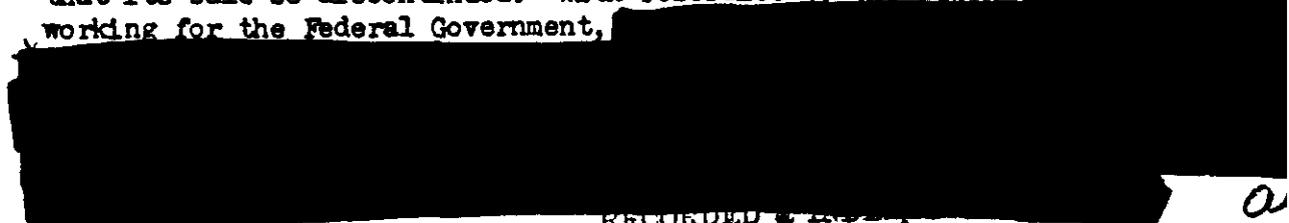
A. Book "Undercover" written by John Roy Carlson.

"New York. A Senatorial investigation of the new best-seller, "Undercover" will probably be asked as soon as the Congress re-assembles. It will be charged that the author whose pseudonym was John Roy Carlson, was on the Government payroll, while obtaining material for the book but nothing will come of that."

The Bureau has not previously received information to indicate that Congressional investigation is contemplated with reference to this matter. It is known, of course, that the book has incited a great deal of public comment and the Bureau has learned that recently the publishers in New York have ordered that its sale be discontinued. With reference to the allegation that Carlson was working for the Federal Government,

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B. Comments concerning former King Carol.

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"Mexico. Former King Carol had a fit of violent sweeping last week in his villa here when he learned of the bombing of the oil fields in Rumania. One hears Magda Lupescu for once did not know how to sooth him. Carol has been promising influential persons in the United States shares in those oil wells if they would help get him into this country. Now he

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fears his trump cards are gone."

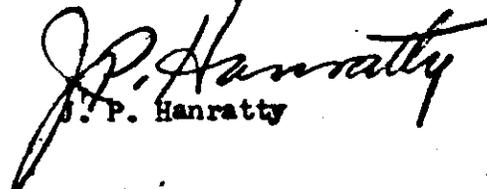
You will recall that former King Carol has been of interest to the Bureau in connection with its investigation of the Registration Act case involving the Free Rmarian Movement. Many sources have advised that King Carol has bent every effort to cause the State Department to permit him to enter the United States.

C. Comments concerning Louis ~~X~~Buchalter, et al.

"Albany, New York. Governor Thomas E. ~~X~~Dewey of New York will turn down cold the suggestion of Attorney Arthur Garfield Hayes that a commission be appointed to hear the clemency appeal of Louie Buchalter, convicted Murder, Inc. head man from the sentence of death. From sources close to the Governor, I have further learned that Mr. Dewey will refuse to hold clemency hearings for Buchalter's two confederates, Capone and Weiss, until President Roosevelt has granted a conditional pardon to Buchalter, now serving a Federal prison sentence on another charge so that Buchalter too can go into the New York death cell. When the Federal Government releases him, then clemency appeals from all three will be heard by Dewey himself. If the President refuses, friends predict that Dewey will release a public statement that will be a sizzler. In some New York State Government circles it is freely charged that powerful political figures are trying to get to the President to urge him not to release Buchalter."

You will recall that, following his conviction in Federal Court on Federal charges, Buchalter was placed in Federal custody. He and his confederates were sentenced for murder in State Court and were all given death penalties. All have been attempting to have these sentences in State Court commuted but as pointed out by Mr. Oursler, this apparently cannot be even considered until Buchalter is released by Federal authorities. The Bureau was, of course, actively interested in the investigation in connection with Buchalter's conviction on Anti-Trust charges but is merely following this phase of the case to determine its ultimate disposition in State Court.

Respectfully,

  
J. P. Hanratty

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
August 15, 1943

In the absence of Mr. Winchell, who is vacationing, Fulton Oursler, Robert St. Johns and Louella Parsons, all well-known correspondents and reporters, appeared on the broadcast this date.

Neither Robert St. Johns or Louella Parsons made any comments of interest to the Bureau, but Mr. Oursler made the following observations which appear to be of interest:

A. Treason matters -- William Axling's broadcasts from Tokyo.

"Omaha. Agents of the FBI have been in this city secretly checking on William Axling, Nebraska born missionary, now in Tokyo, all because of short-wave broadcasts recently beamed by Axling from Japan to America. It is known that some years ago Axling adopted a Japanese girl and then she was married to a young Japanese Government official just before Pearl Harbor. It is not known whether Axling is being held as a hostage or is acting as a free agent in his broadcasts."

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About August 1, 1943, the Office of War Information made a release concerning Axling's broadcasts from Tokyo, and those of about ten other American citizens, stating that all of the information in its possession had been referred to the Department of Justice. On August 5, 1943, the Bureau sent a memorandum to the Department advising that investigations of Axling and the others concerned were contemplated and requesting that the Department make available all information reportedly in its possession concerning these persons. To date this memorandum has not been acknowledged, but preliminaries to the beginning of the investigation of Axling and the other persons broadcasting from Tokyo have been instituted. It is of interest to note that no investigation has actually been carried out at Omaha as yet. However, the Omaha Office is being instructed to conduct background inquiry and to attempt to locate witnesses who can identify Axling's voice. Two interviews of this type, with a Bureau translator and his wife who have known Axling, have already been conducted at the Bureau.

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B. Reported plan to disband the ~~Young Communist League~~ of America.

"New York. The plenum or innercircle of the ~~Communist Party of the United States~~ has just reached a secret decision by which the Young Communist League of America will have to disband. At a convention in Detroit on October 9th next, the League will form itself into a new organization to be called the United Anti-Fascist Youth Association. The Communist National Committee has also passed a resolution to dissolve or affiliate the Communist Party with any other political group in the United States, if they will have them, if and when necessary to adopt a new false beard."

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As a matter of fact the Daily Worker in an issue appearing shortly after June 13, 1943, featured an article stating that the Young Communist League would be dissolved.

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C. Report of Attorney General's Recommendation to Restrict Migration of Negro War Workers to Industrial Centers.

"Washington. The Civil Liberties Union has made a howling protest to Attorney General Biddle because of his speech about Detroit recently in which he said that negroes should not be permitted to migrate to the cities. The letter will be made public within a few days.

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It is known that the public press, during the week of August 9, to 14, 1943, carried considerable comment concerning an alleged recommendation made by Mr. Biddle to the White House recommending that further migration of Negroes to over crowded war production centers be limited and possibly prohibited in some cases. An article in this regard in the New York Post dated August 9, 1943, stated that Mr. Biddle had made such a recommendation and that his recommendation resulted from a "study made by Agents from the Civil Liberties Division of the Department of Justice, working with FBI Agents." Although this article stated Mr. Biddle's recommendation referred to such production centers as Baltimore, Mobile, Chicago and Los Angeles, the recommendations were apparently pointed primarily to Detroit in connection with the recent race riot. The article stated Mr. Biddle was also satisfied that violence and property damage could have been averted if Federal Troops had arrived earlier. In this regard it was stated Mr. Biddle took this into account by urging a simplification of the method by which local officials can summon troops in the event of disorders.

With reference to the allegations that FBI Agents worked on the study from which the Attorney General drew his conclusions, it is noted that the only investigation conducted in connection with the race riot by the Bureau has included certain individual inquiries, specifically requested by the Department in connection with certain reported acts of violence, possibly amounting to Civil Rights violations. The Bureau has not participated in any general survey investigation but, of course, all of the information available to it concerning general conditions leading up to the riot has been furnished in the usual course of events to the Department.

It might be noted that the Daily Worker, in its August 14, issue, has attacked the Attorney General for the statement that migration of Negroes to war production centers be curbed. It referred to a letter of the Attorney General to Lester B. Granger, Negro, Secretary of the National Urban League, in which Mr. Biddle stated, among other things, it is extremely difficult for cities to absorb large migrations of war workers whether Negro or White, but stated "I know of no present plan to prohibit migration—either private or Government, either White or Negro—that is now being considered." The Daily Worker stated it would be a mistake to infer from the Attorney General's letter that he has not recommended such a plan. The Daily Worker also contains quotations from various Negro newspapers attacking the Attorney General's statement. Both of these articles are attached.

#### D. Matters of General Interest.

"Washington. The British Government is getting ready to spank one of its Agents here because he denounces the imperial policy toward India when no Englishman is present."

"Havana. Underground reports state that an attempt was made recently on the life of Nicholas Horthy, Jr., son of the Admiral and Regent of Hungary."

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Memorandum for Mr. D. M. Ladd

"The attempt was made by Hungarian Nazis at the instigation of the Gestapo. Young Horthy was a liberal and has Jewish ancestors. His brother, Stephen, died in a mysterious accident only last year."

Respectfully,

*J. P. Harratty*  
J. P. Harratty

Attachments

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# Negro Papers Score Biddle's Jim Crow Plan

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 12. — Attorney General Francis D. Biddle's recommend action for "limiting—and in some instances putting an end—to Negro migrations into communities which cannot absorb them, either on account of physical limitations or cultural background," has been sharply assailed by the Negro press of this state.

The Pittsburgh Courier reports the Negro leadership in the nation's Capital, has been "rocked," by Biddle's attempt to stop Negro migration.

"It should be impressed upon Mr. Biddle that this attempt to appease the mobocrats is just one step removed from slavery," says an editorial in the Philadelphia Tribune, headed: "Attorney General Would Ban Migration of Colored Workers to Northern Cities."

The Tribune says, in part: "It is unthinkable that the chief law enforcement officer of the United States would make such a suggestion. . . . The Attorney General thinks that overcrowding in war production centers is the cause for racial tensions. If that is true, they elect colored workers as a special class to be barred? Do not other workers cause overcrowded conditions?"

## ESCAPE FROM SOUTH

Furthermore, the migration of workers chiefly from the South to the North consists of the submerged workers of both races, anxious to escape the intolerable labor conditions in the South."

According to the story in the Courier, Biddle also thought it would be "unwise" for the President to make a fireside chat dealing with anti-Negro violence, except to mention the problem in dealing with the general home front.

The Biddle letter to the President, the Courier goes on to say "is believed to have denied the existence of any Ku Klux Klan or Axis provocation; to have insisted that anti-Semitic feeling among Negroes led to the looting of Jewish stores, with the result that many Negroes were shot, for looting."

The stories about Biddle are prominently displayed on the front pages of both the Courier and the Tribune, and have shocked local white as well as Negro leaders, already aroused over Biddle's strike-inciting ruling on the Smith-Connelly Act.

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# Biddle Weasels on Jim Crow Plan

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Attorney General Francis Biddle today issued a weasel-worded statement denying that he knows of any "present plan" which would be taken to curb migration of Negro work-

ers. As a matter of fact, his statement was so worded as to confirm many observers here in the belief that he had actually made this proposal to the President. He did, however, back down from any demand that this plan be put into effect at this time.

Biddle made public an exchange of letters between himself and Lester B. Granger, secretary of the National Urban League.

Granger described as "ill-advised" Biddle's plan to limit migration of Negro workers, but expressed his confidence in Biddle as "a political and social liberal."

### HIS RECOMMENDATION

Biddle had been reported as recommending to the President that "careful consideration be given to limiting, and in some instances putting an end to Negro migrations into communities which cannot absorb them, either on account of their physical limitations or cultural background."

In his letter to Granger, Biddle said that any suggestions he made to the President are "strictly confidential." But expressing essentially the same idea in more guarded language, he said:

"Those who have made an objective study of the Detroit riots and of other racial or hoodlum clashes, are of the opinion that certainly one cause of the trouble springs from improper housing and recreational facilities for Negroes as well as for whites, particularly in the over-congested production centers.

"They believe also that it is extremely difficult for cities to absorb large migrations of war workers, whether Negro or white, over a brief period; and that these migrations therefore necessarily contain the seeds of future dislocations. It seems to be advisable, that responsible officials should give careful consideration to the extent of required facilities before taking any steps to fill the particular manpower requirements.

In the recommendations he was reported to have made to the President, Biddle urged immediate and careful consideration "of his plan to limit migration of Negroes."

But in his letter to Granger he left out the "immediate."

Biddle wrote Granger that he did "not think any effort should be

made to prevent the free movement of individuals from one place to another, whether Negro or white, except as war requirements for manpower must be met.

"In conclusion I would like to emphasize the fact that I know of no present plan to prohibit migration—either private or government, either white or Negro—that is now being considered."

Protests against Biddle's proposal to keep Negroes in the South seems to have at least temporarily forced the abandonment of this plan.

But it would be a mistake to infer from Biddle's cagey-worded letter that he has not recommended such a plan or will not press for it again in the future.

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# Negro Migration Ban Asked to End Riots

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- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Acers
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Starke
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease

Washington, Aug. 9—Attorney General Biddle, alarmed over recent racial disorders, has recommended to the White House that the government limit—and possibly prohibit, in some cases—the further migration of Negroes to overcrowded war production centers, it was reported authoritatively today.

Biddle was said to have recommended drastic action in Detroit, scene on June 22 of the worst racial disorders in a quarter of a century.

The Attorney General's recommendations resulted from a study made by agents from the civil liberties division of the Department of Justice, working with FBI agents.

Biddle was not immediately available for comment today.

## Continued Unrest Watched

Labor and liberal circles and groups interested in civil liberties and the Negro problem have heard that the study made for Biddle took into account the continued tenseness and racial unrest in such production centers as Detroit, Baltimore, Mobile, Chicago and Los Angeles.

In connection with Detroit, where the riot toll stands at 34 dead and 850 injured, Biddle was represented as having urged the President to stop the movement of Negroes into that city entirely, possibly with the assistance of the War Manpower Commission. The WMC could accomplish that through its power over war jobs.

Biddle was reported to have advised the White House that he felt there was imperative need for action before the summer ends, because the favorable weather was crowding Negro and white workers together in recreational centers in cities which are woefully short of such facilities.

## Riots Started on a Sunday

The Detroit riots began on a sweltering Sunday night when thousands of Negro and White families were returning from overcrowded Belle Isle Park.

The Justice Dept. investigators, it was said, satisfied themselves that much of the Detroit violence and property damage could have been averted if Federal troops had arrived earlier. Biddle, it was said, took this into account by urging a simplification of the method by which local officials can summon troops in the event of disorders.

Improved housing for Negroes and a suggestion that the President set up a committee to organize a national educational campaign to promote racial understanding were said to have been among Biddle's recommendations.

*Miss Gandy*  
*W. H. [unclear]*  
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- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
August 22, 1943

In the absence of Mr. Winchell, who is on vacation, Fulton Oursler, Robert St. Johns and Louella Parsons, all well-known correspondents and reporters, appeared on the broadcast this date.

Neither Robert St. Johns or Louella Parsons made any comments of interest to the Bureau, but Mr. Oursler made the following observations which appear to be of interest:

1. Treason matter - Gertrude Hahn's broadcasts from Germany.

"Pittsburgh: A young American girl, if you can still call her American, who is broadcasting Nazi poison from Berlin to the United States, has just been identified. Those who have heard her broadcast will know that she calls herself, "Gertie, the telephone operator." She also broadcasts a propaganda program called, "Strictly Among Women." I can tell you tonight that her real name is Gertrude Hahn. She is 21 years old, born of naturalized German-American parents. She went to a Pittsburgh high school, but in 1939 went to Germany just after the war broke out. Ever since then she has been telling American audiences lies about Hitler. Today for the first time the authorities know who she really is. I can also tell you that a day of reckoning is coming for "Gertie" and for all Benedict Arnold's males and females."

Investigation was instituted by the Bureau several months ago in order to determine the identity of the woman broadcasting from Germany on the short-wave programs, "Hot Off the Wire", "Gertie, the telephone operator" and "Strictly Among Women." Although Gertrude Hahn was suspected, it was only recently that several persons who had been acquainted with her in Germany

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before the war advised that she had appeared on these programs. These witnesses who state she told them she was broadcasting, can also identify her voice over the radio.

Miss Hahn's broadcasting activities were suspended for a short time, but were resumed around the end of March of this year. The investigation of this matter is being closely followed and all information developed to date has been made available to the Department which has evidenced an interest in this case.

2. Matters of General Interest.

- A. Mr. Oursler made the following remarks concerning the feud between Harry Hopkins and Drew Pearson, the columnist, over the \$4,000. bracelet given Mrs. Hopkins as a wedding present

"Washington: Harry Hopkins and Drew Pearson, the columnist are feuding again over the much discussed wedding present Mrs. Hopkins. The latest story by Pearson about a \$4000. diamond bracelet was characterized by Hopkins as false and obviously vicious. Pearson says he sticks to his story about the diamond bracelet."

- B. The following comments were made by Mr. Oursler relative to an investigation of Hollywood.

"St. Louis: Hollywood is to be investigated again. Representative Ploeser, Republican, of Missouri, will ask the Congress to find out whether the motion picture industry is being used for political purposes in domestic affairs."

Respectfully,

*E. P. Brown*

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
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In the absence of Mr. Winchell, who is on vacation, Fulton Oursler, Robert St. Johns and Louella Parsons, all well-known correspondents and reporters, appeared on the broadcast this date.

Neither Robert St. Johns or Louella Parsons made any comments of interest to the Bureau, but Mr. Oursler made the following observations which appear to be of interest:

1. Selective Service matter - Frances Constancio Garcia, Joe Constancio Garcia, aiding and abetting draft evasion in Dallas, Texas.

"Dallas, Texas: Agents of J. Edgar Hoover today arrested a woman who claims to have supernatural powers. Her name is Constancio Garcia and to hear her tell it she could put a spell on the sons of unpatriotic mothers so that the young men would be rejected for Army service. The woman's take in the last twelve months was \$5,000.00. Her trick was to dose the draft dodgers with a soft drink loaded with a familiar headache remedy, a potion which gave them the palsied hebejeebes at examination time."



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2. Theft from interstate shipment - Jewelry valued at \$92,000.00 stolen from TWA plane at Amarillo, Texas.

"Amarillo, Texas: The mystery of the \$100,000.00 worth of jewels stolen from a grounded airplane in this town last November has been solved. The jewels were the property of Princess Farid of Morristown, New Jersey, formerly the wife of a five-and-ten store magnet and later of a prince who was a relative of the Shah of Persia. One of the men arrested was an itinerant mule trader, who buried the jewels in a junk pile. His nephew, also under arrest, took a ring to an Amarillo Jeweler and asked him what it was worth. It had a twenty-five carat diamond and was worth \$45,000.00. The princess had taken the jewels to Hollywood last year in the hope of selling them to wealthy stars, but all the stars were too busy buying war bonds. Then the princess mailed the jewels back to New York and when the plane was grounded, the package disappeared. And thus ends a sorry tale."

In November, 1942, \$92,000.00 worth of jewelry was shipped by Trans-continental Western Air Lines from Los Angeles, California, destined to New York City. The package containing the jewelry was stolen from the plane at Amarillo, Texas, by [REDACTED] a TWA attendant at the airport. Princess Farid had turned the jewelry over to [REDACTED] a Hollywood jeweler, who was shipping the jewels to New York for an appraisal. After the theft of the jewelry, [REDACTED] continued to work for TWA and kept the stolen property in Amarillo. Shortly after he took up residence with one [REDACTED] and had him take one of the stones to a local jeweler for an appraisal. This jeweler became suspicious because of size of the stone and reported the matter to the Amarillo Police Department, who then notified the Bureau's Resident Agent in Amarillo. [REDACTED] and one [REDACTED] were immediately apprehended, and approximately \$50,000 worth of the jewelry was recovered.

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Complaints were recently filed against [redacted] charging them with a violation of Section 409, Title 18, United States Code (theft from interstate shipment). These two individuals are presently in jail, since they were unable to make bond. No complaint was filed against [redacted] inasmuch as he was apparently an innocent third party who was being used by [redacted] for the purpose of disposing of the stolen property.

[redacted] was brought into this case as a defendant because he received some of the stolen property and hid it near Jacksonville, Texas.

3. Matters of General Interest.

Mr. Oursler made the following remarks concerning the new powers vested in Heinrich Himmler in Germany.

"Berlin: Through the underground the new powers vested in Heinrich Himmler making him domestic dictator of Germany were ordered because of seething unrest among the German population itself and also because of sabotage in war industries. Remember two out of every three workers in Germany now are imported foreign slaves. The appointment of Himmler seems to indicate that Hitler is still running the show."

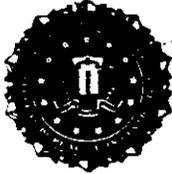
Respectfully,

E. P. Brown

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Acers	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Mumford	✓
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

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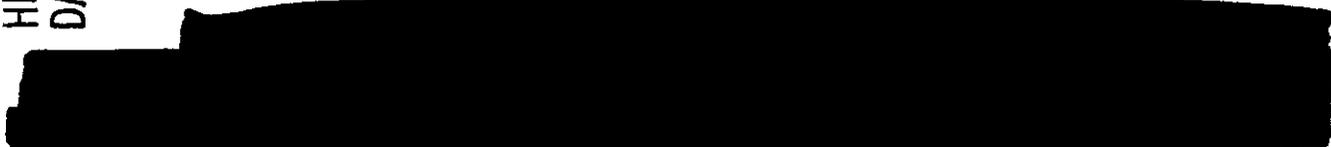
During his regular weekly broadcast this date, Mr. Winchell made the following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau:

Book "Under Cover," written by Avedis Derounian under the pen name, John Roy Carlson.

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York City. Next to the fall of Mussolini, the biggest flop of the year has been the attempt by certain powerful men to suppress the most sensational book of the last ten years. Its name is "Under Cover." "Under Cover," ladies and gentlemen, has made many persons, including those in high places, very uncomfortable and very much afraid because it exposes them to so many devastating facts that cannot be disproved. The futile attempts to muzzle "Under Cover" merely resulted in giving it considerable and added publicity, boosting it higher on the best seller list. A few book stores, however, have been intimidated into refusing to carry the book. Then if you cannot buy a copy of "Under Cover" write to the courageous publishers whose names are E. P. Dutton and Company in New York City or if you wish, write to me."

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Mr. Winchell's statement concerning the book's making "many persons, including those in high places, very uncomfortable and very much afraid because it exposes them" may have reference, partially at least, to such persons as Senators Nye, Wheeler, Walsh, and Reynolds as well as Congressmen Fish and Dewey Short, who are referred to either openly or by intimation at several points in the book in a very derogatory and somewhat compromising manner.



Concerning the alleged efforts to intimidate bookstores against selling the book, the New York office has advised that in recent weeks a number of individuals have written the publishing house, E. P. Dutton, threatening

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to institute civil suits for libel. Among those who have reportedly written such letters are Frank E. Gannett, head of Gannett Newspapers, Inc., Rochester, New York; Colonel Robert McCormick of the Chicago Tribune; Joseph P. Kamp, Constitutional Educational League, New York City; Mrs. A. Cressy of the American Women Against Communism, Washington, D. C.; and George W. Robnett, Executive Secretary, National Laymen's Council, Church League of America, Chicago, Illinois. The New York office has also advised that Gannett has sent numerous letters to book dealers warning them not to sell the book in their stores because of the nature of the material, namely, that it is libelous.

According to presently available information, the book is still being published and distributed by E. P. Dutton and its associated facilities.

2. Espionage case at Detroit involving Mrs. Theresa Behrens.

Mr. Winchell commented: "Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Theresa Behrens, charged with being a Nazi spy and others in the latest spy ring will go before a Detroit Grand Jury this week. The FBI will present its most exciting evidence against spies to that Jury."

This is, of course, a reference to the well-known Grace Buchanan-Dineen espionage case which was brought into the open through arrests by the Detroit and New York offices week before last.

3. Treason matter—Herbert Moy's broadcasts from Shanghai.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. The next American newspaperman to be indicted for treason is now broadcasting for the Japanese at Shanghai. His name is Herbert Moy of New York City."

This individual is an American citizen born at New York City during 1911 of Chinese parents. He went to China in 1932, reportedly to gain experience in Chinese journalism, but of late has been used as a Japanese puppet mouthpiece in connection with his broadcasts from Shanghai. As indicated by Mr. Winchell, an investigation looking to the establishment of a treason violation is currently under way by the Bureau.

4. Sedition matter—Mrs. Alexis de Tarnowsky's association with Joseph E. McWilliams.

Mr. Winchell remarked: "Chicago. Mrs. Alexis de Tarnowsky is a Chicago 'swasticutie' who has marched in goose step with Nazi sympathizers over here. For a few years she was one of the financial backers of a small-time 'Hitleruger' named Joe McWilliams. This is the same one, ladies and gentlemen, who recently deserted her husband and child to run off with an Army deserter named Charles McIntosh. He was arrested last week in New York by the FBI. Mrs. De Tarnowsky is socially prominent in Chicago where I am told the newspapers for some strange reason, buried or ignored that story. They ought to be ashamed."

As suggested by Mr. Winchell, Mrs. De Tarnowsky, until about three months ago, was McWilliams' principal financial backer in connection with his specious so-called patriotic organization, "The Serviceman's Reconstruction Plan."

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In connection with Mr. Winchell's assertion that the newspapers "buried or ignored" the story, it will be noted that the Washington Times-Herald in its evening edition for September 2, 1943, carried a rather lengthy article about the whole affair, featuring a photograph of Mrs. De Tarnowsky and McIntosh. This article identified Mrs. De Tarnowsky as a former confidant and friend of Joe McWilliams.

5. Selective Service Matter—Stephen Weinberg case.

Mr. Winchell commented: "New York. Stephen Weinberg, the imposter who was arrested by the G-Men on charges of running a draft-dodging school, goes to trial at New York on Tuesday next."

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He is being proceeded against under Section 311 of the Selective Service Act in connection with his efforts to obstruct the Selective Service Act, and as stated by Mr. Winchell will go on trial at New York Tuesday next.

6. Matters of general interest to the Bureau.

A. Comments concerning Congressman Lambertson's son, Milan Ward Lambertson.

"Washington, D. C. A few months ago your reporter ended a broadcast with a revelation concerning a Congressman's son whose name was omitted from that broadcast. The story dealt with a heckler best known for his persistent criticism in Congress of the excellent war record of all the Roosevelt boys. I revealed at the time that this man's own son had applied for deferment from the draft on the grounds of being a conscientious objector while his father criticized

other people's sons fighting at the front. That Congressman is Lambertson of Kansas. His son, Milan, as a result of the amazing bombshell heard over this network, withdrew his deferment request the very next day. One day last week he was inducted into the Army. About time."

It will be recalled that during his broadcasts of May 9 and 16, 1943, Mr. Winchell referred at considerable length to the case of Milan Ward Lambertson. In the May 9, 1943, broadcast Mr. Winchell stated that it was learned that a certain Congressman's son had filed a claim as a conscientious objector. The Congressman was not identified, but according to Mr. Winchell, he was one who had frequently criticized the loyalty and efforts in the war of the President's sons. In his broadcast the following week Mr. Winchell identified the Congressman by name and stated that as a result of his expose, the Congressman's son had withdrawn his claim as a conscientious objector.

In this connection it is also noted that following the first broadcast, on Monday morning, May 10, 1943, Congressman Lambertson himself called at the Bureau to advise as a matter of information that his son was, that day presumably, contacting his local draft board and withdrawing his request for classification as a conscientious objector.

The Bureau at no time conducted any investigation or inquiry in connection with this matter.

B. Statement concerning Truman Committee's inquiries as to Governmental travel.

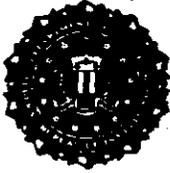
"Washington, D. C. The Truman Senate Committee will shortly become the most feared and hated party in Congress. It will investigate all trips and journeys taken by members of Congress and others at Government expense. Among the first to be probed will be Army and Navy officials and alleged joy rides in bombers."

Respectfully,

*J. P. Hanratty*  
J. P. Hanratty

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 19, 1943

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
SEPTEMBER 19, 1943

The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date.

1. Broadcast concerning American Prisoners of War

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is for you. Pay no attention to short-wave broadcasts about American prisoners of war. Pay no attention to short-wave broadcasts about American prisoners of war. According to the FBI, such reports are the work of enemy agents working in this country to undermine our morale."

Mr. Winchell here is apparently referring to the broadcasts from enemy countries concerning the welfare and location of American prisoners captured by these countries. In many instances the prisoners themselves have spoken over the short-wave radio. Approximately fifty persons in the United States are known by the Bureau to be continually listening to these broadcasts and writing letters relatives of the prisoners advising them of the captured soldiers' whereabouts. Many of these individuals apparently are doing this as a patriotic gesture. The matter has been discussed with representatives of the armed services and the Department, and it has been indicated by the Department that it does not believe the Sedition Statutes have been violated. It has been suggested that cases of this nature be referred to Censorship for a possible violation of censorship regulations. Several cases of a more aggravated nature have appeared where the persons who received these broadcasts have interspersed comments of a demoralizing nature in the message sent by them to the person's relatives. These cases are at the present time being investigated under the Wartime Sedition Statute.

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Sedition Matter - Comment referring to the case of the 34 defendants under indictment in the District of Columbia for sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. On October the 21st 1943 Special Attorney General O. John Rogge will go before a Federal Grand Jury with one of the most important cases in the history of the U.S. The

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United States Government will charge conspiracy to undermine the American Government and in offering proof of the conspiracy evidence against the famous American collaborator of George Sylvester Viereck, already in prison, as well as some others in high places, the Government will also prove a case of murder. The murder charges will be against three aliens named Adolf Hitler, Joseph Goebbels, Joachim von Ribbentrop. International lawyers believe that Federal Prosecutor Rogge is setting a precedent for the war guilt trial. Mr. John Edgar Hoover has traced the criminals from the Munich beer cellar to the massacre at Ledcie (phonetic) with some five journeys to Yorkville and New York City and Detroit in Michigan."

You will recall that Mr. O. John Rogge, who is handling this case for the Department has advised that he plans to present this case, which is popularly known as U.S. vs. Gerald B. Winrod, Et Al, to a Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C. at the term beginning October 5, 1943. Mr. Rogge intends to show two conspiracies, one between high German officials in Germany and their Consular officers in the United States in a program to spread distrust in this country, and the other by the thirty-four subjects previously indicted for their cooperation with agents of the German government.

Mr. Rogge has indicated that he only intends to include those subjects who can definitely be tied up with these German activities. This will probably result in some individuals being dropped as defendants and others added. Complete information on the developments in this case has previously been made available to the Director.

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3. Book, "Under Cover," written by Avedis Derounian under the pen name, John Roy Carlson.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention book dealers in every city and town in the United States. In response to letters from various small town bookstores, I have the following to report. That threats to bring libel suits against anyone who sells the sensational book, "Under Cover" apparently are just threats. Nobody has been sued yet. And that letter of intimidation was mailed last July. At any rate, "Under Cover" is the nation's No. 1 best seller despite the screams of the dirty so and so's exposed in it. E. P. Dutton & Co. authorizes me to tell all bookstores that E. P. Dutton will indemnify them against any libel lawsuit as a result of selling "Under Cover."

Mr. Winchell, you will recall, has referred to this book in several previous broadcasts and has repeatedly called it a best seller. Complete data concerning the author was furnished to the Director in a summary memorandum dated August 21, 1943. As pointed out in this memorandum, the Bureau's New York Office forwarded photostatic copies of correspondence sent to E. P. Dutton & Co. by Frank Gannett, threatening the institution of suit if "Under Cover" was published. However, there has been no indication to date that legal action has been instituted by Mr. Gannett.

4. Security Matter - Individual exclusion order against Kenneth Alexander in the Western Defense Command.

Mr. Winchell stated: "San Francisco. Last year this reporter in a series of exposés written for Liberty magazine revealed that a man named Kenneth Alexander of Los Angeles had been the California agent for William Dudley Pelley, convicted and sentenced to Federal Prison for fifteen years and good riddance; and that this Kenneth Alexander, I reported on a later broadcast, was in charge of men at Pensacola, Florida for the Navy for the Naval Air Station. Um! As a result, ladies and gentlemen, Alexander was discharged from the Navy, but he got in. Alexander has since pledged that he would even things with me one day. Well...this is to tell him as we have told others, he simply will have to take his turn in line. At any rate, this is to complete the file on Kenneth Alexander. The United Press on September the 12th reported that the United States Army and the Western Defense Command excluded him from the West Coast Military Zone. It's about time - it took the Army a year and a half to become a hepcat."

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Pelley, you will recall, was convicted for a seditious violation and sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment.

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In March, 1943, he was afforded a hearing before the Board of Officers and on April 14, Lieutenant General Dewitt issued an order excluding him from the Western Defense Command. On April 28, 1943, he protested against the issuance of the order and requested financial support until he could secure re-employment as a photographer.

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[REDACTED] In May, Alexander filed a complaint in the United States District Court at Los Angeles against Lieutenant General John L. DeWitt and Special Agent in Charge R. B. Hood of the Bureau's Los Angeles Office, wherein he sought to enjoin the defendants against enforcement of the exclusion order. The matter when heard before District Judge Pierson Hall resulted in a dismissal of Alexander's suit on the grounds that his complaint did not state a cause of action. Any further developments of significance in this case, will, of course, be called to your attention.]

5. Matters of General Interest to the Bureau.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. Mr. Drew Pearson, the radio commentator will file a law suit against Time magazine tomorrow morning alleging plagiarism and violation of copyrights."

Respectfully,

*E. P. Brown*

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 Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel Files  
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 Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_ Bring file up-  
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 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_ \* \* \*  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_ Mechanical Section  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ \* \* \*  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_ Call me re this  
 Mr. Long \_\_\_\_\_ Note and return  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ See me  
 Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION CHIEFS

Mr. Alden \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Mumford  
 Mr. Burton \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Strickland  
 Mr. Callan \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Timm  
 Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Welch  
 Mr. Cunningham \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Fitch \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Stalcup \_\_\_\_\_ Stamp and mail  
 Miss Conlon \_\_\_\_\_ War and Navy File  
 Miss James \_\_\_\_\_ State Dept. File  
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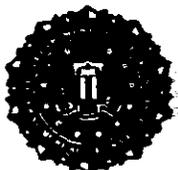
In connection with the plan that Winchell gave O. John Rogge last night, you will recall that Cuneo and Rogge had lunch together on September 13th.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
September 12, 1943

During his regular weekly broadcast this date, Mr. Winchell made the following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau:

1. Sabotage Matters

A. Fire at the Broad Street Station (Pennsylvania Railroad), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1943.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Philadelphia. The big fire at the Broad Street Station today was finally brought under control after a four-hour struggle. It was the second disaster suffered by the Pennsylvania Railroad in the very same week. Over 100 persons were injured."

The Philadelphia Office advised by teletype at 4:20 p.m. today that a fire broke out in a washroom located in a warehouse beneath the elevated railway tracks leading into the Broad Street Station at Philadelphia. The elevated tracks join the Pennsylvania Railroad's main line at this point and beneath the elevated tracks for about two blocks beginning at the Station, is enclosed a warehouse used by the Railroad Company to store oil and other railroad equipment. The washroom in the warehouse is situated apparently mid-way, being located about a block from the Broad Street Station.

At about 9:10 a.m. today an engineer who is in the employ of the Company left the washroom to take up his duties on the Market Street side of the warehouse, this place being located about one block from the washroom. The engineer stated that some time later, apparently not long, he noticed the lights in the building flicker and upon coming out of the room where he was working, he observed that the lights were out in the washroom and that the entire side of the washroom was ablaze.

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Mr. Winchell was undoubtedly referring to the wreck of the Congressional Limited as well as three other less serious wrecks which occurred last week on the New York Central, Pennsylvania, and Erie systems. All of these cases were investigated by the Bureau and no evidence of sabotage was found. As indicated by Mr. Winchell, the field offices concerned were authorized to make local statements to this effect.

You will recall that Hynes' book, "Passport to Treason", was published last winter and dealt largely with the Duquesne and Ludwig espionage cases as well as the case of the German saboteurs who landed in this country by submarine in the summer of 1942. The particular portion of the book referred to by Mr. Winchell has reference to an alleged conversation between Sebold and a representative of the German intelligence system held in Germany. On this occasion the German representative was trying to prevail upon Sebold to take up espionage work in the United States and during the course of the conversation allegedly bragged that America would be no problem if she entered the war. To substantiate this, he claimed that an elaborate system of German sabotage and espionage had been set up in the United States and at one point reportedly gave expression to the statement quoted by Mr. Winchell.

2. Espionage Matters—~~Grace Buchanan-Dineen Case.~~

Mr. Winchell stated: "Detroit, Michigan. Additional arrests by the FBI in the big spy case will be announced by John Edgar Hoover, perhaps next week."

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You will recall that four individuals have already been arrested in this case and that when the matter was presented to a Grand Jury Saturday, the United States Attorney at Detroit sought to secure indictments against three additional prospective defendants, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These three persons were associated in the activities of the four persons now under arrest and it is anticipated that they, too, will be indicted. The Director has, of course, been furnished with detailed information concerning the latest developments in this case.

3. Treason Matters—~~George Curtis Bruce Case.~~

Mr. Winchell remarked: "Attention editors of Boston, Massachusetts. George Curtis Bruce, an American newspaperman, who has been broadcasting in Japan, is dead. The report is not confirmed of course. Mr. Bruce, who refused a chance to come home from Japan, was managing editor of the Shanghai Evening Star."

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Bruce was born in 1900 at Southbridge, Massachusetts, and has resided at Shanghai almost continuously since 1922, where he has been the manager of the Shanghai Evening Star and Mercury, a newspaper now under Japanese domination. Since Pearl Harbor, Bruce has been making a number of broadcasts for the Japanese over a Shanghai station and for the past four months he has been under active investigation looking to the establishment of a treason violation. However, last week the New York Office advised that a New York newspaper carried a comment stating that advice had been received by the State Department to the effect that Bruce has recently died. This report is being verified with the State Department.

4. Escaped German War Prisoners—Eckert ~~vs.~~ Brosig.

Mr. Winchell stated; "Washington. The G-Men have started a nation-wide hunt for another escaped German flyer. He fled from a Canadian internment camp on August the eighth and is still at large. His name is Eckert J. Brosig, 23, 5' 8", weight 147. Speaks some English."

This report is correct. An active investigation is under way looking to Brosig's location and wanted notices have already been issued.

5. Sedition Matters—Comment referring to the case of thirty-four defendants under indictment in the District of Columbia for Sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated; "Washington. The Post Office Department which has done nothing to stop the indicted publications charged with subversive activities, will attempt to stop the mailing privileges of Esquire Magazine, one of the most patriotic magazines of them all."

The "indicted publications charged with subversive activities" refer undoubtedly to the various newspapers and publications sponsored or published by some of the thirty-four defendants currently under indictment in the District of Columbia for Sedition in connection with the case usually styled "United States vs. Gerald B. Winrod, et al". You will recall that Mr. John Rogge in the Department is handling the prosecution of this matter and that the case is still in a pending status. Although it is true that many of the defendants are still publishing their papers and pamphlets, Mr. Winchell's comment with reference to the Post Office Department's taking no action in regard to stopping these publications is partially incorrect. The Post Office Department in May, 1942, withdrew the second-class mailing

privilege of "Publicity", the newspaper published by E. J. Garner, one of the defendants under indictment and since that time the paper has been discontinued.

No advice has been received by the Bureau that the Post Office Department contemplates taking action against Esquire Magazine because of any alleged seditious or un-American material appearing therein. It is pointed out that the statute under which the Post Office Department can revoke a mailing privilege for objectionable material is separate and distinct from the Sedition Statutes and that the mailing privilege can be revoked for any one of a number of reasons based on various charges of non-compliance with postal regulations.

6. Book, "Under Cover", written by Avedis Derounian under the pen name, John ~~By~~ Carlson.

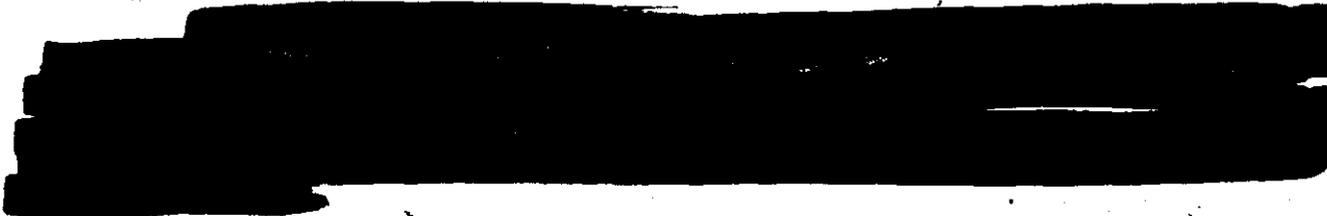
Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. The book sections of the New York Times and Herald Tribune today, Sunday, confirm what this news boy knew all along, that the number one best seller in nearly every leading city in the United States is "Under Cover".

You will recall that in recent broadcasts, Mr. Winchell has referred to this book in very complimentary terms and has frequently emphasized it as a best seller. Complete data concerning the author was furnished to the Director in a summary memorandum dated August 21, 1943.

7. Comment referring in part to Gerald L. ~~K~~ Smith, subject of a sedition investigation by the Detroit Office.

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York Citizens. His Honor the Mayor of New York and others are concerned about the boys and girls who have been making soft money during their summer holidays from highschool. It is feared that many of these teen age children will not return to school tomorrow and keep working instead of learning how to count up to ten. The defense plants and the cafeterias do not want these boys and girls. Parents who encourage them to quit school to make an extra few dollars are guilty of raising imbeciles. When this war is over there will be a great demand for skilled training and for those with an educational background to offer. Please, please do not permit your children to neglect school for work. We have enough morons and illiterates as is, with too many of them winding up in the audiences to listen to the bunk of Gerald L. KKK."

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8. Division Six Matters—~~Engineer Group, Inc., Mail Fraud Case.~~

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention editors in New England. A well-known Congressman is expected to be indicted by a Washington Federal Grand Jury any day, alleged mail fraud."

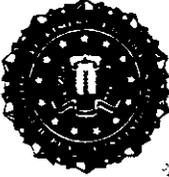
This is a reference to the Engineer Group, Inc., Mail Fraud case which has been before a District of Columbia Grand Jury for the past three weeks. The Congressman referred to by Mr. Winchell is Congressman James M. Curley of Massachusetts. Complete data concerning all developments in this case has been referred to the Director.

9. Matters of general interest to the Bureau.

Concerning the political situation in Argentina, Mr. Winchell remarked: "Rio. Reports persist that Argentina is approaching a crisis--this time a beaut."

Respectfully,

J.P. Hanratty



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

September 14, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
September 12, 1943

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Reference is made to a memorandum for Mr. Ladd dated September 12, 1943, reflecting the results of Mr. Winchell's broadcast last Sunday night. Winchell commented that "Four railroad wrecks in the very same week may be only coincidence and the alert FBI has announced that it detected no sabotage but I wonder, as you probably do. I say I wonder because I have come across a most enlighten passage in Allan Hynd's exciting book about spies."

The book referred to is "Passport to Treason" and in it, according to the author, Dr. Gassner told Sebald [redacted] "When time comes orders will go out to more than one hundred thousand loyal Germans in the United States to perform specific duties. There will be many railroad accidents that nobody will be able to account for."

Beside Winchell's comment you noted "I am getting fed up with his hysterics. They in fact do more to sabotage the war effort than Axis saboteurs have ever done. Did Sebald say this? H."

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As a matter of interest, the book "Passport to Treason" was reviewed the Espionage Section, inasmuch as it mainly concerned the Duquesne and Ludwig cases. It was found that the author was extremely imaginative in his story and the majority of his statements have no basis in truth whatsoever.



It is noted for instance that the author sets out in its entirety a letter addressed to Sebald at the Hotel Handelshof from Dr. Gassner,

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which is, according to the book, the first contact by Dr. Gassner with Sebold. In the letter Gassner is supposed to have told Sebold that he wanted to see him on July 8 at the Hotel Duisburgerhof.

[REDACTED] The writer Hynd then goes on to describe Sebold's meeting with Dr. Gassner in the lobby of the Hotel Duisburgerhof, at which time the conversation concerning the one hundred thousand loyal Germans in the United States was discussed.

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As of further interest, you are no doubt aware that Winchell has mentioned the book "Passport to Treason" on other occasions during his Sunday night broadcasts. Page 230 of the book seems to indicate that Winchell has more of an interest in the book than the story it purportedly tells. This page has Special Agents allegedly observing some German espionage agents in a saloon drinking beer and reading the paper. This observation was made by the Agents through field glasses from across the street. The espionage agents are supposed to have turned to a certain page in the newspaper when their faces showed expressions of fear. The FBI men had a copy of the same paper and turned to the page in question and in a certain column read that Nazi saboteurs landed in a rubber boat in Florida several days before. One of the Agents made the remark "The Director's not going to like that. Why, that's going to drive the other ones we haven't got a line on deeper into cover. Winchell would never do a thing like this."

Respectfully,

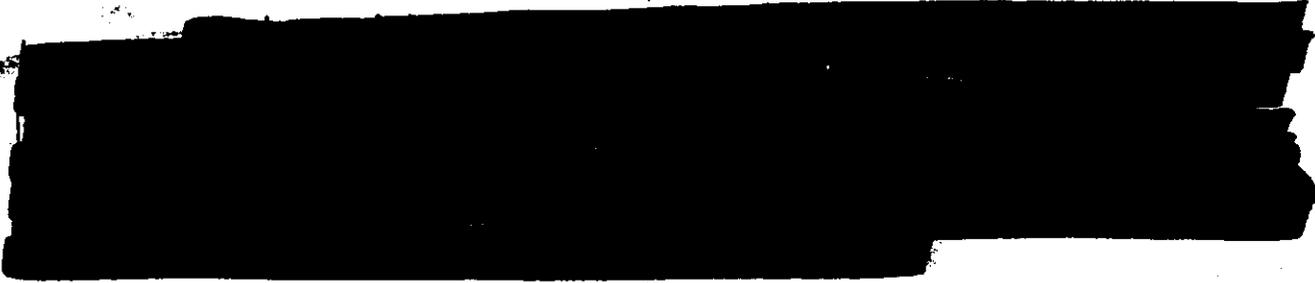
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Time 11:50am

September 21, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FULSON  
NAME  
LADD

Captain E. E. Foss, of the Office of Naval Conscription, telephoned me today to ascertain if we had given Walter Winchell the information for the statement he made in his broadcast Sunday night, September 19th, in which he told the public to pay no attention to short-wave broadcasts regarding American prisoners of war; that according to the FBI, such reports were made by enemy agents in this country to undermine our morale.

Captain Foss stated that they had designated the American Women's Volunteer Service to monitor the broadcasts and send the information received to the individuals concerned, but had deemed it inadvisable to give this practice any publicity.

I advised Captain Foss that Winchell had received no information from the FBI upon which to base his statements, and that I had suggested to OWV, regarding his previous broadcasts on the sabotage situation, that they call upon him for explanations as to the foundation for his statements, and I had advised Foss that I thought it would be interesting for OWV to do the same in this situation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Washington, D. C.

September 26, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
SEPTEMBER 26, 1943

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The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date.

1. Sabotage matter — Train wreck at Charlottesville, Virginia (Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad), September 26, 1943. RECORDED  
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Mr. Winchell stated: "Charlottesville, Va. Another train wreck is reported. A passenger train carrying German prisoners of war. The train's fireman is dead. Several Nazis and a number of the 1943 U. S. Military guards are seriously hurt."

The Richmond Office advised at 1:20 P.M. today that Prisoners Train No. 53866 on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad had been wrecked or derailed five or six miles from Charlottesville, Virginia, between 10 and 11 A.M. this morning. The train was carrying approximately 380 prisoners of war who were guarded by three officers, 85 members of the Military Police and one medical officer. The baggage car, tourist car, dining car and three passenger coaches were derailed and the engineer was killed. The number of casualties in addition to the engineer was not known at the time the Richmond Office advised the Bureau of this accident. The situation was reported to be well in hand and only one prisoner was known to have escaped. The prisoners, whose exact type were unknown were being adequately cared for by the Military Police present at the scene. Agents of the Richmond Office were immediately sent to the scene of the accident in order to determine if the wreck or derailment was an act of sabotage. Military authorities were appropriately advised of the accident.

A subsequent teletype from the Richmond Office at 10:07 P.M. tonight stated that the train had actually been wrecked near Shadwell, Virginia at 9:50 killing the engineer and fireman. Seven members of the Military Police were hospitalized at Charlottesville, Virginia, and two of the German prisoners of war are hospitalized at Woodrow Wilson Army Hospital, Staunton, Virginia. Four members of the train crew were also stated to be injured. This teletype indicated that all the prisoners of war were maintained under complete control by military authorities. Preliminary investigation reflects the train was proceeding approximately 60 miles per hour through a new switch in spite of the fact that the engineer had received written orders to proceed at that point at 15 miles per hour. Possession by the engineer of these orders was verified. Investigation and inquiry among railroad officials



and personnel, according to the Richmond teletype, reflects that the wreck was caused by excessive speed and that no sabotage was indicated.

2. Escaped German War Prisoners *of war in Canada*

Mr. Winchell stated: "Toronto, Ontario. Another Nazi war prisoner is at large. He escaped from the prison camp in Bowmanville, Ontario. He is a German Naval officer, about thirty years old. The typical thick German neck and head."

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[REDACTED] advised the Bureau on September 25, 1943, that one prisoner of war was missing at roll call on the night of September 24, 1943, in the internment camp at Bowmanville. According to [REDACTED] this prisoner was still unidentified. Appropriate action will, of course, be taken in connection with this matter as soon as this prisoner's identity is made known to the Bureau.

3. *X* Sedition Matter — Comments referring to one of the individuals under indictment in Washington, D. C., for sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Los Angeles — The following is respectfully submitted to General Strong of G-2 on military intelligence. The United States Army it appears recently gave a commission to a man who allegedly hobnobbed with pro-Nazis in Southern California and before Pearl Harbor this same man planned a visit to Rome and Berlin to obtain interviews, he said at the time, with Mussolini and Hitler to get them better publicity over here in the United States. His mother he boasted at that time could arrange these interviews. Federal records will confirm that this man's mother has since been indicted as a Nazi agent. She is now in Federal prison waiting trial with others on charges of being in conspiracy against the United States. Yet, her son, Ladies and Gentlemen, hear me out, her son has just been given a commission by the United States Army."

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[REDACTED] might be mentioned that Mrs. Elizabeth [REDACTED], who is also under indictment in Washington, D. C., in the case entitled "United States versus Gerald B. Winrod, et al. Sedition, et al." son who is a Private in the U. S. Army [REDACTED]

4. Comments relative to a shot fired at a Navy blimp in California by a 15-year old boy with a 22-caliber rifle.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington -- The G-Men have just completed the investigation of an accident sustained by the crew of a Navy blimp in California. One member of the crew was struck in the leg by a bullet. The investigation by the FBI disclosed that the shot came from a 22-caliber rifle fired by a 15-year old boy."

On September 10, 1943, the Office of Naval Intelligence at San Francisco, California, advised the Bureau's office in that city that on the previous day the crew of a Navy blimp which was cruising between Sunnyvale and Mountain View, California, was fired upon apparently by a 22-caliber rifle causing a slight flesh wound to one crew member and minor damage to the blimp. An investigation by the San Francisco Office in conjunction with ONI and the local police determined that one [redacted] a United States Naval Aviation Cadet, was struck in the leg by a bullet presumably of 22 caliber. Crew members of the blimp pointed out the location from which the shot was fired and subsequently three witnesses were located who saw one [redacted] shoot into the air at the time of the incident. The United States Attorney at San Francisco authorized [redacted] apprehension. However, the United States Attorney declined Federal prosecution in favor of the State authorities since [redacted] is a juvenile, age 15 years.

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5. Comments referring to the case of the 34 subjects under indictment in the District of Columbia for Sedition.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. -- Special Prosecutor O. John Rogge of the Department of Justice will go before a Federal Grand Jury next week with some added names. They will include several prominent Fascist writers."

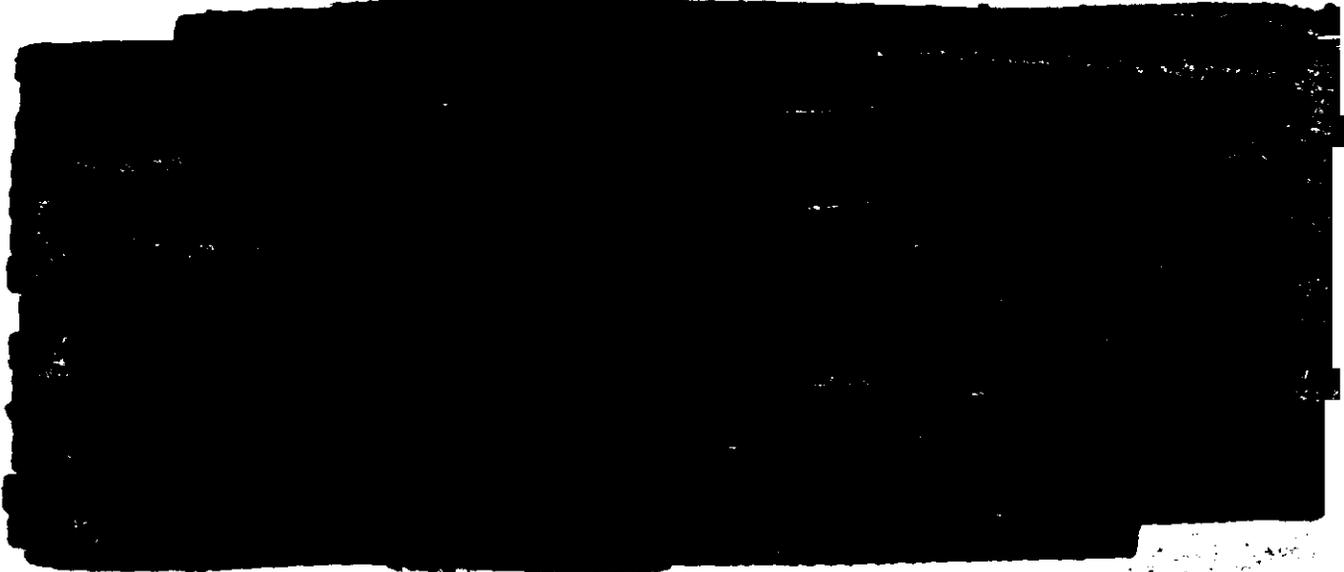
You will recall that Mr. O. John Rogge, who is handling this case for the Department, has advised that he plans to present this case to a Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C., at the term beginning October 5, 1943. Mr. Rogge has indicated that some of the individuals previously indicted in this case, which is popularly known as "United States versus Gerald B. Winrod, et al," will be dropped as defendants and that additional names would be added in the new indictment which he contemplates having returned on October 5. You will recall that Mr. Rogge requested information from the Bureau on 15 individuals in addition to those named in the previous indictment. Apparently the "prominent Fascist writers" mentioned by Mr. Winchell are among these 15 persons. Complete information relative to the developments in this case have been made available to the Director.

6. Comments relative to the use of Congressman Hamilton Fish's franking privilege by C. Leon de Aryan.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Onaha — for the second time in the last two years, Ladies and Gentlemen, the American Legion denounced the Honorable Hamilton Fish of New York. At their annual convention the American Legion passed a resolution accusing Congressman Fish of permitting his frank to be used by a person waiting trial on charges of sedition. That man's name is Leon de Aryan of San Diego, California. Mr. Fish vigorously denies that he gave such permission and he says he never met de Aryan. Well, Hirohito never met Adolf Hitler either, but that's beside the point. Giving Congressman Fish the benefit of all doubts he can easily stop Leon de Aryan and any others from using his frank since it is against the Postal laws for anybody to use a Congressman's free mailing privileges. Why doesn't Congressman Fish swear out a complaint against this man. Umm? Why doesn't he? Congressman Fish should have the same faith in any United States Court as he expects us to have in his words."

Mr. Winchell later in his broadcast added the following comments relative to Congressman Fish:

Mr. Winchell stated: "And that, Ladies and Gentlemen, winds up another Jergen's Journal until next Sunday night at the very same time. Until then, and with lotions of love, I remain your New York correspondent, Walter Winchell, who knows that there is a shortage of meat in America but the American Legion seems to believe that there is too much Fish in Washington, D. C. Goodnight."



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7. Book "Falange," written by Allan Chase.

Mr. Winchell stated: "John Malon of Philadelphia. The name of the book you probably mean is "Falange," F A L A N G E, Falange, by Allan Chase. It is another of those devastating exposes which unmask

those working for Franco against us over here. The author, Allan Chase, ought to get a medal."

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"Falange" has been reviewed and found to contain no factual information not already in the possession of the Bureau. The book is overrun with conjectures, with statements that are exaggerated and with statements of opinion. Furthermore, the majority of the statements and allegations made by Chase regarding alleged Falangist activities in the United States and other countries in the Western Hemisphere are definitely known to be without foundation.

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It was apparent from the review that this book is critical of the State Department's foreign policy towards Spain. Prior to the publication of "Falange," all interested Government agencies were advised that it was to be published and its contents were made known to them. Several leading individuals in the Spanish colony of the United States have either instituted or contemplated instituting libel and slander suits against Chase and the J. P. Putnam Publishing Company which published his book.

8. Comments relative to the death of Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld, who fined Hitler for contempt of court.

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York -- A great man is dead. His name is Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld. He once fined Adolf Hitler a thousand marks for contempt of court in a town in Germany."

Information contained in the Bureau's files relative to a Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld, who may be identical with the Rosenfeld mentioned by Mr. Winchell, indicates that this individual was formerly a Prussian Minister of Justice and November, 1942, resided in Long Island City, New York. Rosenfeld is said to have enjoyed a distinguished career as a jurist and politician. He was a member of Social Democratic Party in Germany and for 12 years was a member of the German Reichstag. He was said to have distinguished himself as a social worker and to have sponsored numerous liberal reforms in the German legal system. Since the time he arrived in this country Rosenfeld was alleged to have been an active Communist. He was connected with the German American Emergency Conference to Defeat Hitler and Safeguard American Democracy. Rosenfeld was stated to be approximately 66 years of age and a naturalized American citizen of German-Jewish origin, who entered the United States as a refugee in 1934. The activities of this individual have been followed by the Bureau's New York Office and copies of the reports

submitted have been furnished ONI, G-2 and the Department.

9. Matters of general interest to the Bureau.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Buenos Aires — The Argentine Government is shutting down on United Nations businessmen. For all practical purposes, economic warfare on a large scale has started against Allied enterprise. Washington and London are beginning to stiffen and will make the Argentine ingrates regret it."

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington — Important conversations took place at the Capital this week between Count Sforza, Secretary of State Hull and Assistant Secretary of State Berle, Jr. It can be stated that the Department of State has no objection to a Republic of Italy if that is what the people of Italy want. Washington expects a declaration of war on Germany by Italy any day. Count Sforza will shortly arrive in Italy to cooperate fully with the Allied Command. He will not join any Cabinet of Bagdolio or the King. As for Mussolini, he has merely changed prisons."

Respectfully,

E. P. Brown  
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Respectfully,  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast  
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Reference is made to the attached memorandum which was directed to me on September 26, 1943 by Special Agent E. P. Brown, and to your inquiry concerning background information relative to Allan Chase's connection with the smear campaign of the Bureau several years ago.

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No information was secured from a review of the Bureau files which would indicate that the proposed smear campaign was actually realized.

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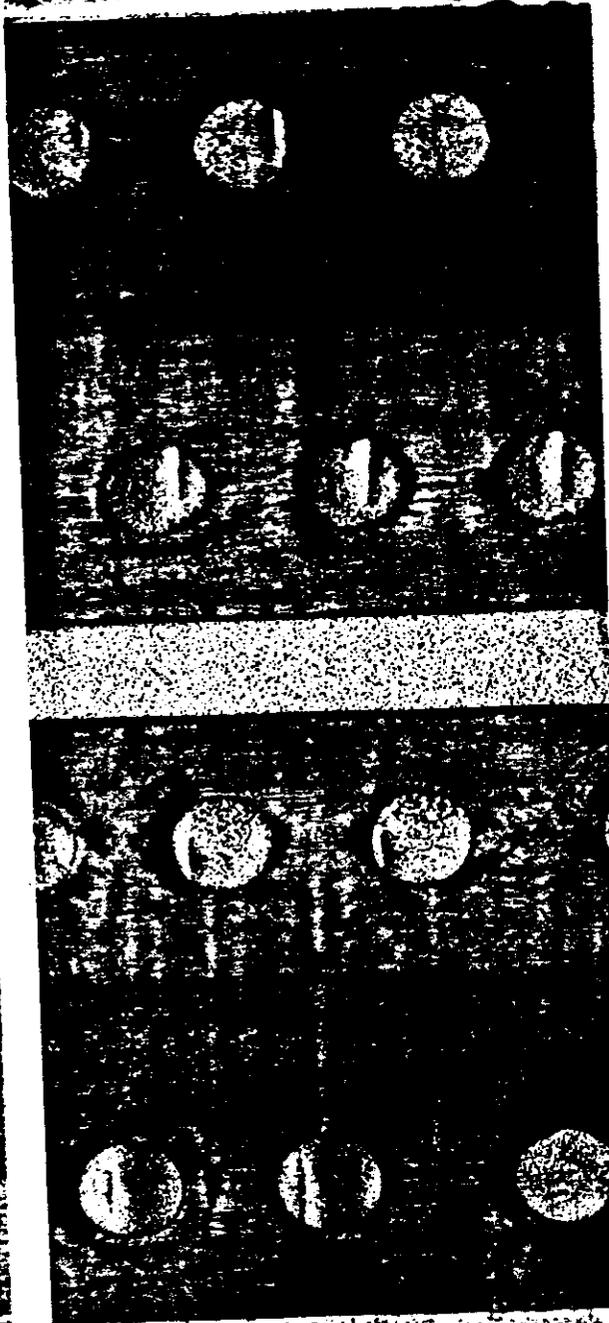
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Respectfully,

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D. M. Ladd

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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# Walter Winchell In New York

## Man About Town

Ed Flynn's pals hear he'll become FDR's personal "Ambassador" to the Vatican... Gary Cooper spurned the Capt. E. Rickenbacker role because of "pressure"... A. C. Blumenthal will return to the U. S. this week—the contempt of court action in the J. Schenck case being over. He also made his peace with the Gov't over his \$825,000 back taxes... Vice Admiral Adolphus Andrews of the Eastern Sea Frontier comes up for retirement soon—but dreads the thought of quitting and prob'ly won't... Paramount paid Sherman Billingsley the record fee for two words. \$100,000 for "Stork Club"—the name for a Buddy De Sylva cinema... Quentin Reynolds has quit Collier's (as correspondent) and will also do newsreels besides radiatory... A juicy lobbying scandal will soon bloom in a beautiful fury... One of the Broadway-Hollywood "names" (in uniform) is being court-martial'd for alleged insubordination, etc. He's not an actor.

The current Newsweek, discussing the CBS censorship, quotes Paul White as saying that this colyum's "Union League pressure story" is "utter fantasy"... Why didn't Mr. White deny it to us when we asked: "Can CBS deny this fact?"... Of course, we cannot expect Mr. White to say it is true. So he says it is "utter fantasy"... Well, we could say it is utter fantasy for Paul White to say it is utter fantasy... But we'll just say: "We can prove it!"

In the 1940 campaign 28 papers were for FDR... Less than half a dozen today... To the White House these days—the word "Tammany" is an emetic... Hull's defeat of Welles is the most costly victory in his career. Crowley and Stettinius already carry more weight in policy matters than that which caused Welles' ouster... Mr. Hull will soon be longing for the comparative quiet of Sumner... Franco's rope has shortened to the last knot. Unless his Blue Division is removed from Russia forthwith Franco'll be out of Spain... Brig. Gen. Wm. Donovan is slated for an important new job... The Pope is expected to make a radio appeal for peace again very soon... This is worth money item: All phone calls to Washington are recorded.

Rep. Martin J. Kennedy's resolution (to stop censorship of radio broadcasters) made few newspapers, which ended the story this way: "We want strong speech from strong men on the air, not synthetic understatements from pulpitering puppets"... But the Sept. 30th Congressional Record continues: "As example of the worth of strong free speech is in the broadcasts of Walter Winchell. He helped to awaken America to the danger of the fifth column and his sharp attacks on it over the air did much to destroy it. He aroused public opinion to such an extent that the work of the enemy in our midst has been ineffective. Censorship that would have stopped Winchell in these attacks would have been disastrous to the country"... Thanks, Congressman. Let's hope a radio gag will always mean a comedian's joke—and not a politician's revenge.

Wallace will invade Jesse Jones' home State, Texas, soon... Mme. Litvinov has shelled 20 lbs... Overheard in the Dept. of Justice: "There's a smelly link between a famed rabble-rouser and a famed New York racketeer." The G-whizzes have been probing it. Took place when the rabble-rouser was in New Orleans a few months ago... Congressmen, who are being urged by pressure groups (named in it) to start a probe of "Under Cover" keep dodging it with: "Oh, you do it first!"... I'm for that investigation. Let's have it so the people may know everything... Who got the War Dep't to start their investigation "about the sales and distribution"? I sold most. What about it?... The other Sunday night I said Allan Chase, author of another book being pressured ("Talance"), ought to get a medal... Cuba decorates him today... Hitchbottom next day played "Flange" at Rockingham. It won paying \$5.20 for \$1.

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One of the most sensational twists in the history of murder trials will blaze on the front pages when the Sir Harry Oakes murder case is heard. Bluebloods of New York, Miami and Nassau are convinced that son-in-law de Marigny is not the murderer—but that another person is—stemming from a battle over business in which Oakes and the unnamed one were involved. He hasn't been indicted, goes the legend, because the prosecution is said to feel that the accusation can only grow out of the trial of de Marigny.

**Confession:** We innocently thefted "nonsensorship" from Heywood Brown, who used it in 1922 as a title for a book (published by Putnam) now out of print, and we thank Edward J. O'Malley, the book store man, for hepping us. Brown, however, just phoned from Heaven and said: "It's yours, keep using it!"... A Chinese draft dodger told G-men the reason. He cited an ancient Chinese tradition that one member of the family in the army was enough. His brother's already in. Director Lubitsch is mending after a heart attack. May be in the hosp a month... Zanuck will pay Betty Grable James her full wages during her blessed adventure... The man who angled Senator Reynolds during his first political campaign was Lou Pollack, a retired shoe man from Asheville, N. C.,... The dopes who were arrested in that raid last week (midtown org stuff by a rich lawyer) were warned here two weeks before. So was the movie star—in person!

*John J. Anthony* now has a real problem. Lost his sponsor... Cesar Romero and Virginia Bruce better not laugh at each other's jokes so much or People'll Say They're In Luff!... The parodies around midtown on that ditty are oofly funneh... That Time article on an Int'l police force (lots of talk about it) was not written by a staffer but by F. Rodell, a professor at Yale Law School.... A very dejected Jack Benny, back from the war zones, left the St. Regis very dejected—after trying to rent a few rooms... Dewey will crack down on Aurelio if he wins that Supreme Court judgeship.... Be a bigger story for 1944... The Mills Hotel, the Poor Man's Waldorf, has raised the rent from 50 to 60c per night... Vermont Republickies confide they want Willkie... Specs are selling Series ducats at \$75, but their big opposition is the public, who are selling theirs!... Phil Baker denies column rumors that he is courting anybody. "I hardly know her," he shrieks, "I've only been out with her nine times!"... The short life of a Tammany leader: He comes claiming victory and goes out claiming immunity.