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Special Assistant to the President*

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*Sincerely yours,*

*J. Edgar Hoover*

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The Honorable (Original)  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

The following will confirm information  
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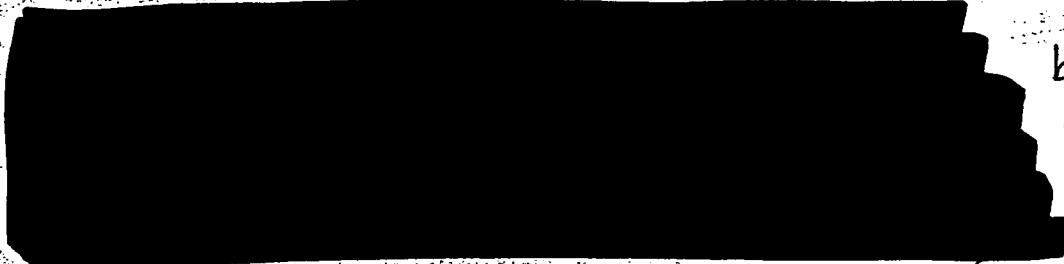
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THESE DAYS:

# He's Loyal to God And His Country

By GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

**B**ERNARD BARUCH has reached the age of 87 and has written a book about himself which has been amply reviewed, particularly by those who are excited over the fact that he was a millionaire by 35 and that he had a formula for purchasing securities and speculating in them which one might use to advantage.

This part of Baruch's biography interested me least. Quite a few men speculated in the stock market and some won and some lost. Also, I know many millionaires and some of them I would not invite to my home to meet my family. The mere possession of money does not always represent ability or is at all representative of character. After all, surely Al Capone was a millionaire and so is Lucky Luciano.

## A Constructive Citizen

Baruch's worth is not that he made a fortune but that he is a constructive citizen; that he is generous in his benefactions to charities; that he has helped a number of younger persons get started; that he is loyal to his country and faithful to his God and the traditions of his ancestors.

I do not even get excited over the fact that Presidents have sought his advice. Presidents should seek the advice of wise and experienced men, but some of the advisers whom the current and prior Presidents chose were neither wise nor experienced.

What is notable about Baruch, as it is about Herbert Hoover, is that when he has been asked to serve, he has never refused to give time and effort, no matter what his age or the momentary state of his health. There has been no old man's complaint about aching bones and tired muscles.

Those who thank God for being alive have no time to complain. They know what to expect and are grateful that it is so long delayed. Baruch, who is a Jew, is a profoundly religious man. His mother came of an old Sephardic family that had settled first in New York and then in South Carolina in the Colonial days, arriving in the United States before 1700. His father, Simon, was born in Posen, Germany, now Poznan, Poland. Simon Baruch came to the United States in 1855. He studied medicine at the South Carolina Medical College and at the Medical College of Virginia. He became a surgeon, serving in the War Between the States on the Confederate side.

Baruch has been unusually devoted to the memory of his father and has spent much of his accumulation to perpetuate his father's name, particularly in the field of physiotherapy in which Dr. Simon Baruch was a pioneer.

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~~To me~~, it is most interesting that this man who has known all the great men of his generation, who has been the friend of such men as Woodrow Wilson, Jan Smuts, Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, finds greenest his memory of his father. That is old tradition, sacred among the people from which Baruch came.

It might be said that all this could have been written without reading "Baruch — My Own Story," and well it could, for what boots it that a man made money in business or achieved great position in politics? What does matter is what is the character of this man. Bernard Baruch is of a prophetic race who has served the country of his birth valiantly and devotedly as he has served the God of his fathers in their own tradition.

### **Tells Father of Wealth**

Perhaps nothing characterizes this more than the tale Baruch tells of the day he told his father that he was worth a million dollars. Baruch says:

"... His kindly face assumed a quizzical expression, as if he experienced some difficulty in grasping the fact of a million dollars. Thinking that he might be questioning the accuracy of my accounting, I offered to show him the actual securities.

"No," he said, "I will take your word for it," and began to talk of something else."

To a Jewish intellectual such as his father was, coming of a line of rabbis, what did it matter that a man was worth a million dollars? After all, none of the great figures in Jewish history were worth a million dollars or for that matter, a million cents. Baruch seems in these lines to be proud of his father's attitude as well he may be. For the kingdom of God is to the good and charitable.

September 23, 1957

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Honorable Bernard M. Baruch  
507 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

My dear Mr. Baruch:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter of September 18, 1957, I arranged for Mr. Edward J. Powers, Special Agent in Charge of our New York Office, to get in touch with you.

I hope you will never hesitate to get in touch with us whenever you have information you think we should have.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Cover memo Nichols to Tolson, 9-23-57, LBN:ejp.

cc-Mr. Boardman  
cc-Mr. Rosen  
cc-Mr. Jones

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BERNARD M BARUCH  
597 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

September 18, 1937

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I ask that you have one of  
your men here in New York call on me to  
discuss a matter which I think is of great  
importance?

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*B. M. Baruch*

B. M. Baruch

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

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: September 23, 1957

FROM : Mr. Nichols

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SUBJECT:

In reference to the letter from Bernard M. Baruch, I called SAC, Powers, New York Office, and told him of Baruch's request to see someone. Powers subsequently called back and stated that Baruch was at his Summer home on Long Island. Powers has an appointment to see him Tuesday morning.

Baruch stated that what he wanted to discuss was that he had observed the wide fluctuation in the price of copper and how the price of copper had gone down on the London Exchange; that before World War II, he knew a man in the House of Commons who was a leftist and had great interest in copper. Powers and I agreed this was probably something not within our jurisdiction; however, Powers would see him Tuesday and get the full details.

- cc - Mr. Boardman
- cc - Mr. Rosen
- cc - Mr. Jones

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Letter to The Honorable  
The Secretary of State

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Speakers: L.V. Boardman  
A. H. Belmont

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Honorable William H. Jackson (original)  
Special Assistant to the President  
Executive Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Jackson:

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Honorable William H. Jackson

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *3/20/52* *BY SP7 MAC/Gel*  
*U.S. & ... 1-2, 4, 2, 2, 3* DATE: November 23, 1956

FROM : Mr. [REDACTED] *b7c* *→* *b1*  
Title: Mr. Belmont

SUBJECT: BERNARD BARUCH, INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]

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Per instructions of [REDACTED] info furnished telephonically to [REDACTED] in Mr. McLeod's Office, Department of State, at 8:04 p.m., 11-22-56. *b1 b7c*

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Per instructions of [REDACTED] and Mr. Belmont, the above info was furnished to [REDACTED] Duty Officer in Mr. McLeod's Office, Department of State, by telephone at 11:39 p.m., 11-22-56. *b1 b7c*

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RECOMMENDATION:

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That this memorandum be referred [REDACTED]  
for confirmation to State and additional dissemination, as required.

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VIA LIAISON

Date: November 23, 1956

To: Mr. Scott McLeod (orig. & 1)  
Administrator  
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [REDACTED] b1

This will confirm information furnished orally to [REDACTED] of your Department by [REDACTED] at this Bureau on November 22, 1956. b7c

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201 East 59th Street  
New York 21, N. Y.

September 25, 1957

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, FBI  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

With reference to the request of Mr. Barnard Baruch to be contacted by an Agent, I wanted you to know that I talked with him at his office on September twenty-fourth. Mr. Baruch stated that he is very much concerned about the "wide gyrations" in the price of copper that have been occurring on the London exchange. He said these exaggerated fluctuations could have an unsettling effect on the world economy and he felt they could be occurring through sinister manipulations, possibly by persons under Communist direction or affiliation.

Mr. Baruch said that prior to World War II, exact time not recalled, he had met a member of the British Parliament who was in the metal business, and who had been described to him as a person of Communist sympathy. Further, that this individual could possibly be involved in such stock manipulations, although he had no basis for this suspicion and could not remember the name. He said he would advise me if he were able to recall the identity of this individual. Mr. Baruch thought the Bureau or some other government agency might desire to check into these price gyrations to determine the cause inasmuch as he was very concerned with the disturbing effect these were having on the markets of the world.

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Director  
NYlt 9/25/57  
Re: BERNARD BARUCH

Mr. Baruch understands that his information is vague and that little action could be taken on that basis at this time. He also understands that there is no violation here over which the Bureau has jurisdiction.

Mr. Baruch was most cordial and friendly. He said that he had the highest admiration for you and the achievements made by the FBI under your direction. He related that coincidentally he had been to his barber just prior to my visit, that the barber had mentioned your speech before the American Legion, and had made the remark that you were one government official that all the American people believed in and respected. He seemed to be very pleased that this barber would spontaneously speak of you in this manner and that this was just an example of what persons from all walks of life thought of you and your administration of the FBI.

I was delighted to have had this opportunity to meet Mr. Baruch, and I shall keep you advised of any additional information he may furnish in the future.

Sincerely yours,

E. J. POWERS  
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 26, 1957

Honorable Bernard M. Baruch  
597 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

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My dear Mr. Baruch:

It was indeed a very great pleasure to receive your letter of the 23rd, and I deeply appreciate your generous comments about my speech to the Legion.

Your friendship and support, as you are well aware, have always meant much to me, so it was especially gratifying to learn of your reaction to my remarks.

With warmest good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar

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BERNARD M BARUCH  
597 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

September 23, 1957.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you so much for sending me  
the copy of your address to the American  
Legion.

My eye fell on this paragraph and  
kept going back to it -

"With the unprecedented material advantages  
of today, an attitude of complacency seems to  
have permeated the national mind to an almost  
unbelievable extent. There is a brand of  
softness toward wrongdoing which can cause  
irreparable harm."

And I say, my dear Hoover,  
the same can be said of our international  
outlook and our defense.

As always, with great admiration,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

*B. M. Baruch*  
B. M. Baruch

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
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Date: October 4, 1957  
To: Mr. Roderic L. O'Connor  
Administrator  
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Mr. R. R. Roach

June 11, 1958

Mr. [REDACTED]

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On June 10, 1958, [REDACTED] Administrative Assistant to Chairman Strauss, furnished the enclosed Photostats of the correspondence mentioned above for the completion of our files.

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ACTION:

For information.

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Honorable Bernard M. Baruch  
597 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

My dear Mr. Baruch:

Your thoughtful note of April 12 extending  
congratulations is truly appreciated. I not only consider it an  
honor to be on the best seller list with you, but I hope we both  
stay there for a while.

With deepest gratitude for your kind comments,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: The Director forwarded an autographed copy of "Masters of  
Deceit" to Mr. Baruch on February 13, 1958.

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BERNARD M. BARUCH  
597 MADISON AVENUE  
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April 12, 1958

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

It gave me a great deal of pleasure to see you  
run up past me on the best seller list. It should  
be at the top and stay there a long time.

You have added to the long list of great public  
services already given to us all.

May I congratulate you and say "thanks."

Sincerely yours,

Bernard M. Baruch

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## Baruch Gets Legion Medal; He Warns on Inflation

*From the Herald Tribune Bureau*  
 CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—American Legion National Commander John S. Gleason jr. today presented the American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal to Bernard M. Baruch, who was represented here by Louis Johnson, former Secretary of Defense.

Mr. Baruch, in an acceptance speech read by Mr. Johnson, warned that "American security is endangered as much by inflation as by the prospects of aggression."

### Bids Legion Combat Peril

The 88-year-old financier and statesman declared:

"Our failure to keep militarily strong cost us a heavy toll in precious lives and casualties in World War II and Korea. And our failure to adopt in time an effective mobilization program in both conflicts cost us not only countless billions of dollars,

but opened the way in inflation which has for so long beset our economy.

Mr. Baruch defined inflation as "a malignancy which eats at every organ of our economic body" and advised the Legionnaires to recognize the importance of combating inflation in their efforts to strengthen the nation's security.

Explaining that his doctors overruled his plans to travel to Chicago to accept the award in person, Mr. Baruch commented: "They are a greater trial to me than my years."

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 Mr. Baruch  
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September 4, 1958

Honorable Bernard M. Baruch  
597 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

My dear Mr. Baruch:

I was indeed pleased to see in yesterday's newspaper that you have been awarded The American Legion's Distinguished Service Medal. I cannot think of an honor more richly deserved.

Your acceptance remarks were very timely, and I am sure will be heeded not only by the Legionnaires, but by all others who were privileged to hear or read them. It is regrettable you could not accept this tribute in person, for I know your presence would have greatly enhanced the Legion meeting.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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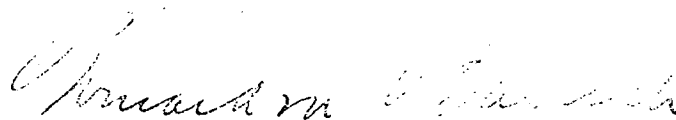
BERNARD M. BARUCH  
597 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

September 9, 1958.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you so much for your letter  
of September 4th. Your generous attitude  
towards me over the years has been very  
heartening.

Sincerely yours,



Bernard M. Baruch

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

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# Baruch Says Apathy Saps Security of U. S.

By Peter D. Franklin

Bernard M. Baruch last night lashed out against Americans who, by their apathy and selfishness, are "undermining our security and our spiritual strength."

In his address before the B'nai B'rith dinner saluting American youth at the Waldorf-Astoria, Mr. Baruch denounced special interests, the use of nuclear weapons, the public's attitude toward inflation and the general "indifference to the crucial issues confronting us." He said:

"We are engaged in a great struggle — political, economic and psychological — with a powerful and dedicated opponent. Yet the American public seems almost torpid in its concern for our security."

Despite its shortcomings, the eighty-nine-year-old statesman said, America still offers the best system of government ever devised, but the nation must rouse itself from its lethargic state before "some terrible tragedy overwhelms us." Concerning the nation's defense program, Mr. Baruch said:

"The quarrels within the government over questions of defense have done much to confuse us. But nowhere does there seem to be a determination to place national security over the demands of the special interest groups. There are too many special interest groups in America today and not enough groups interested in America . . ."

Mr. Baruch also touched on the Geneva talks which, he said, are "a step forward." But he warned against agreements which might reduce our strength. As for nuclear weapons, the adviser to President Truman strongly urged that they be outlawed to insure a free and peaceful world.

### Fears Inflation

Inflation, he said, "is eating away at our economic and financial health." It is responsible for swollen prices, high taxes, the increasing national debt and the "devalued savings of the little people who suffer most from it. Allow this malady to run unchecked and it will impoverish a people and destroy a nation," Mr. Baruch asserted. "I appeal to my fellow countrymen to remember," he concluded, "that despite all the challenges she faces, our beloved America will overcome everything if each of us casts aside indifference, apathy and selfishness."

Philip M. Klutznick, head of the Jewish organization, presented Mr. Baruch with the B'nai B'rith President's Medal and cited him for "his imprint on future generations." Gen. Alfred M. Gruentzer, president of the American Red Cross, also addressed the estimated 600 guests. Distinguished guests included Mayor Wagner, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, deputy Under Secretary of State Robert D. Murphy and Robert E. Marham, deputy assistant to the President for inter-departmental affairs.

### Plea for Asylum

Earlier in the day, B'nai B'rith urged that the United Nations General Assembly declare refugees the right of asylum "as a principle of international law."

The action was taken in a resolution adopted on the second day of the three-day 115th annual meeting of the group at the Waldorf-Astoria. In proposing the resolution, Lester Gutterman, New York chairman of the group's N. Lincoln Commission, said "in all too many cases such asylum was refused and the world-asylum migrants were returned to the lands of persecution." He said the right of asylum "includes the right of individuals to be free from the threat of political crimes . . . not involving force or violence."

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