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~~COMMON CAUSE - SUMMARY~~  
2100 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned organization. However, the files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your name check request.

This organization was set up as a citizens' lobbying group with the aim of revitalizing politics and Government by the use of citizen action to influence Congress. John W. Gardner, former Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and former chairman of the Urban Coalition, is chairman of this organization.

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October 16, 1972

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir(s):

The State of Colorado has a tax referendum on their general election ballot next month. The tax referendum pertains to taxes in general support of education in the State of Colorado.

In an attempt to find out who was responsible for getting this referendum on the ballot, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] conducted an inquiry. The only information we were able to obtain concerned a group of persons who call themselves "Common Cause". We were told that the group is registered internationally, nationally, and within the State of Colorado. But other than that, we still do not know who they are or what their purposes are. For example, what is an internationally registered group of persons doing pushing a tax reform referendum in the State of Colorado? And why? And who are they?

Any information you can give us on this subject will certainly be enlightening to us. Please advise. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter was received on October 20th and your interest in writing is appreciated.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any publication, organization or individual. I regret we cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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L. Patrick Gray III  
L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

NOTE: Correspondent could not be identified in Bufiles. Common Cause is allegedly an organization set up as a citizens' lobbying group with the aim of revitalizing politics and government by the use of citizen action to influence Congress. Former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, John W. Gardner, has served as chairman of this organization.

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- Dalbey \_\_\_\_\_
- Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_
- Marshall \_\_\_\_\_
- Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_
- Ponder \_\_\_\_\_
- Soyars \_\_\_\_\_
- Walters \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Kinley \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_
- Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

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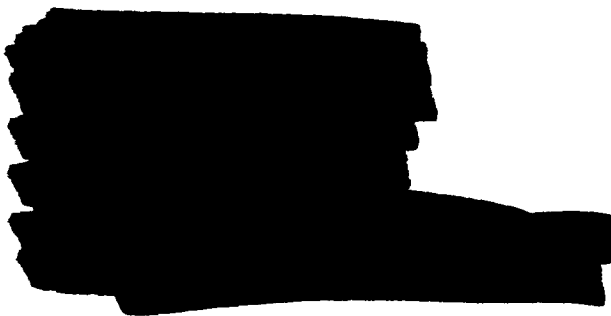
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Mr. L. Patrick Gray, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C. 20535

16 November 1972

Dear Sir:

Common Cause

Is the national Citizen's lobby, Common Cause of 2100 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037 a subversive organization?

Their literature and the commentaries sound fine but, having been alerted by the late J. Edgar Hoover in his book "Masters of Deceit", I'd like the F.B.I.'s reassurance before possibly becoming one of the unwitting dupes.

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Sincerely,

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November 24, 1972

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of November 16th has been received and we appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

With respect to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any publication, organization or individual. I regret we cannot be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,  
For the Acting Director

*W. Mark Felt*

W. Mark Felt  
Acting Associate Director

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate no record of correspondent. Common Cause is allegedly an organization set up as a citizens' lobbying group with the aim of revitalizing politics and government by the use of citizen action to influence Congress. Former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, John W. Gardner, has served as chairman of this organization. The National Citizens Lobby is connected with the National Committee for Sane Nuclear Policy and is the subject of an Internal Security - Miscellaneous investigation.

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- Baker \_\_\_\_\_
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- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Dalbey \_\_\_\_\_
- Gebhardt \_\_\_\_\_
- Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_
- Marshall \_\_\_\_\_
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- Walters \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. [unclear] \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_
- Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

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F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

March 6 '73

Gentlemen:

I have been given a membership in something called "COMMON CAUSE" without my permission or prior knowledge.

Can you tell me if it is on any subversive list or is there anything unpatriotic about it?

The only names on any of the literature are: John W. Gardner  
and David Cohen, Director Chairman

Field Organization 62-115857-27  
Common Cause OEX-111 REC-24  
2100 24th St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Sincerely

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Washington  
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March 13, 1973

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of March 6th, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any publication, organization or individual. I regret we cannot be of assistance in this instance.

Sincerely yours,  
L. Patrick Gray III

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L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. "Common Cause" is allegedly an organization set up as a citizens' lobbying group with the aim of revitalizing politics and government by the use of citizen action to influence Congress. Former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare John W. Gardner has served as Chairman of this organization. (62-113809)

- Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Baker \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gebhardt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Marshall \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Soyars \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Walters \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Givley \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Wiers \_\_\_\_\_
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO *WJ* Mr. Campbell

DATE: 6-20-73

FROM *NF* N. F. Stultz

SUBJECT: *rf* REQUEST OF "COMMON CAUSE"  
FOR NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION  
CENTER (NCIC) ADVISORY POLICY BOARD  
BACKGROUND, CONCEPT, AND POLICY PAPER

- Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Baker \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gebhardt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Jenkins \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Soyars \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Walters \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Baise \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Barnes \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Bowers \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Herington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conmy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mintz \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Eardley \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Hogan \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Baluss, who identified herself as a researcher for "Common Cause," 2030 M Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20036, called today and requested a copy of the Background, Concept, and Policy paper of the NCIC Advisory Policy Board. Miss Baluss stated a reference was made to this paper in Congressional hearings concerning the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). She was advised that this paper is reproduced in the testimony of L. Patrick Gray, III before the Senate Judiciary Committee during hearings on his nomination for Director of the FBI. She stated she did not have this transcript immediately available and she was advised a copy of the paper would be forwarded to her.

### ACTION

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Campbell
- 1 - Press Services Office
- 1 - Mr. Stultz

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June 18, 1973

Dear [REDACTED]

I am a member of the national Board of Common Cause, a so-called citizens' lobby. One member of the Board has repeatedly asked Common Cause to take action on penal reform, one of his proposals being that criminal records should by and large be destroyed.

His argument is that criminal records are so prevalent that they are meaningless. Specifically, he states that thirty million Americans have a criminal record, and probably another twenty million were not apprehended. I find these figures hard to believe. Would you kindly confirm or deny the figures that we have been presented?

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Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear [Redacted]

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Reference is made to your letter of June 18, 1973, addressed to [Redacted] of this Bureau.

The criminal history record for given individuals is probably one of the most important documents available to the criminal justice system--local, state, and Federal. This record has been used to document the extent to which recidivism contributes to crime counts in addition to gaining insight as to the mobility of known offenders. A very conservative estimate is that 60 percent of the known crime committed in this country each year is the product of criminal recidivism.

Each branch of the criminal justice system utilizes the criminal history document. This record assists the magistrate and prosecutor at preliminary hearings in setting realistic levels of bail for the individual involved. For example, this document furnishes information as to whether the individual has jumped bail in the past and/or whether he is currently awaiting trial on some other charge. The courts utilize this document after conviction as part of the pre-sentencing investigation to determine the kinds of criminal acts previously committed and the types of prior sentencing given to the individual. This decision-making information enables the judge to determine a proper sentence or penalty for the convicted individual. This record is also very valuable to corrections personnel in that it gives them an insight into possible methods of treatment which may be used to hopefully achieve rehabilitation.

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- Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Baker \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Cleveland \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Mintz \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Eardley \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Hogan \_\_\_\_\_

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*Jim*

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The FBI Identification Division has approximately 20,700,000 criminal history records on file; however, there are probably no more than 10,000,000 known offenders, or about five percent of the national population, truly active in connection with crimes of violence and other predatory offenses. We are currently converting our manually maintained criminal history records to a computerized form; however, these records are only converted when an individual is arrested and charged with a new criminal offense. This approach will undoubtedly reduce the total number of criminal history records now on file.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Ruckelshaus

William D. Ruckelshaus  
Acting Director

NOTE: Bureau files reflect [REDACTED] corresponded with Bureau in 1969. No derogatory information was indicated (62-0-73428). Common Cause is allegedly an organization set up as a citizen's lobbying group with the aim of revitalizing politics and government through the use of citizen action to influence Congress. Former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, John W. Gardner, has served as Chairman of this organization.

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 Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

11/11  
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 Marcus

Dear F. B. I Director Kelley: I am enclosing a letter I received about the Intl Socialist and "The Militant" and I wish you would investigate these publications.

One day in February, <sup>ATB</sup> Michael Jack (host) on our radio talk show KABC to his guest, someone representing Common Cause. I wrote the address down and wrote and asked them to send me some literature about "Common Cause". I used my nick name [redacted] & used [redacted] as you see on the envelope. That is why I know or believe this literature came from "Common Cause". I received three free International Socialist magazines & the enclosed letter calling me a subscriber, of which I am not!

Common Cause

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The Common Cause address I wrote to is 2030 - M. Street N.W. Washington D.C. 20036. I have never received any information with the name "Common Cause" one. Could it be Common Cause is linked with "The Militant"? I heard on the radio the Socialists are seeing the F. B. I too! Common Cause is pretending to be an organization, it really isn't and I am sure.

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Do hope you will investigate this  
 Sincerely

APR 11 1975

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10 CORRESPONDENCE

# THE MILITANT

THE SOCIALIST NEWSWEEKLY PUBLISHED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

Feb. 25, 1975

Dear Subscriber,

Your subscription to the International Socialist Review has recently expired. We would like to invite you to resubscribe, but not to the ISR alone. As of the April issue, the ISR will be incorporated into The Militant newsweekly as a monthly magazine supplement.

We think that this new publishing venture will enable us to bring the best features of both publications under a single cover. While it will mean a reduction in the size of the magazine--to 12 Militant size pages--we expect to be able to expand as The Militant grows. And, in addition to the 12-page monthly magazine, a subscription to The Militant offers 28 pages of socialist analysis and on-the-spot reporting of major political developments on a weekly basis.

We hope that you will decide to subscribe to The Militant, if you don't already.

In solidarity,

*Rose Ogden*  
Rose Ogden  
Business Manager

*N.Y.*

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14 Charles Lane, New York, N.Y. 10014 (212) 929-3486

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# THE MILITANT

# order form

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Enclosed is:

- \$13 for two years.  \$7.50 for one year.  \$4 for six months.
- \$10 for one year of *The Militant* and six months of the *International Socialist Review*.
- Enclosed also is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

(Foreign Postage: add \$3.50 per year.) (Wrapped: add \$2.00)

Send to:

The Militant, 14 Charles Ln., New York, N.Y. 10014.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 27th, with enclosures, has been received. The interest which prompted you to make the material you furnished available to this Bureau is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. "The Militant" is the official publication of the Socialist Workers Party. Common Cause is an organization allegedly set up as a citizen lobbyist group with the aim of revitalizing politics and Government by the use of citizen action to influence Congress.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

U. S. Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Constitution Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Mr. Tennyson Guyer  
U. S. Representative  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Mr. John H. Glenn  
U. S. Senator  
Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D. C. 20510

EX-105

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Gentlemen:

I have been receiving literature from an organization called  
Common Cause, 2030 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., 20056. If  
there is any kind of rating on this organization, I would appreciate  
knowing the same and what its' principles are. I have read  
literature where representatives from different states are involved  
with this organization and I am wondering if it is an organization  
"on the up and up".

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Common Cause

Dear [Redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent.

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Director, FBI (62-79951) 300

**NAME CHECKS FOR THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BAR EXAMINERS (NCBE)**

Reference is made to your routing slip dated 11/23/71, which enclosed NCBE's letter of 11/22/71, requesting information concerning [REDACTED] and five other individuals as well as any information concerning Common Cause, 2100 M Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

[REDACTED]

Bufiles did not contain any public source or lead data regarding the other five individuals listed in NCBE's letter.

Enclosed are two copies of a blind memorandum regarding Common Cause, which may be forwarded to [REDACTED] of the NCBE.

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: Public source data being furnished NCBE pursuant to approval of Executive's Conference recorded in memorandum to Mr. Tolson 12/27/56. [REDACTED]

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Miller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_
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**COMMON CAUSE**

Attached is an article which appeared in the newspaper "Honolulu Advertiser," Honolulu, Hawaii, on 2/16/71. The article quotes excerpts from a speech by John W. Gardner, chairman of the citizens' lobby, Common Cause. The speech was given at a UPI editors' conference in Williamsburg, Virginia, and in general sets forth the objectives of this citizens' lobbying group. John W. Gardner was formerly Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Enclosure

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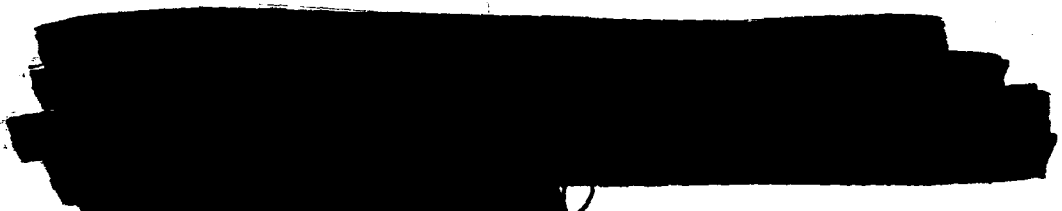
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Investigation reflected that BRETT OMAR VAN deCASTLE was recently killed in an automobile accident in Lordsburg, New Mexico. U

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No information was developed that any of the above-described persons has ever been involved in New Left, radical, militant, or extremist activity or organizations.

In the death announcement regarding BRETT OMAR VAN deCASTLE, the family requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to "Common Cause", 2100 M Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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# COMMON CAUSE

BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTIAN GERMAN REFUGEES

## Why is it a Common Cause

BY ERNST WILHELM MEYER

*Foreword of the Secretary General*

There are several main answers to this question.

The cause of the refugees is the cause of *Democracy*. There have never been any refugees from the United States yet. But we can understand the refugee problem as a democratic problem, if we try to imagine that Hoover and Landon, Roosevelt and Garner, because of political opposition might become refugees or be jailed like Bruening, Braun, Rauschnig or Schuschnigg, none of them being a criminal nor an enemy of his country.

The cause of the refugees is a cause of *law*. Those who today are forced out of Germany had not entered her territory illegally. The families of the overwhelming majority of them had lived and worked there for hundreds of years. According to all national, international and natural law and justice they were as fully entitled to stay there as Hitler himself. The party-government which forces them out commits a breach of faith, an act of lawlessness.

The cause of the refugees concerns all industrialists and workers, farmers and white collar men, if they are interested in the continuing existence of *private property*. Where refugees are created, there is no personal freedom; where no personal freedom exists, the principle of private property cannot be regarded as safe. Any guarantee of private property is valueless without any enforceable guarantee of personal freedom. Nowhere is this better understood than in the homelands of the refugees. The principle of private property has been abrogated in the case of political opponents of National-Socialism. One cannot uphold a principle on Tuesday which has been given up on Monday. A once sacred principle has been deteriorated into a mere matter of political expediency.

The problem is likewise *Jewish*. About 500,000 Jews, less than 1% of the population, lived in Germany when Hitler came to power. They were wholly devoted to Germany. They contributed greatly to Germany's political, economic, and cultural resurrection. Only a small percentage of them were Communists. The large majority were conservative. Once, at the time of the persecutions of the Jews in Russia and of the Armenians in Turkey, the conscience of the world stood up in protest against the persecutors. Today millions and millions remain indifferent. Knowingly or unknowingly they are influenced by the National-Socialist propaganda which the

supreme head of the Catholic Church, the late Pope Pius XI, branded in his Christmas encyclical of 1937 as "cunning and falsehood."

The indifferent attitude of a large part of the so-called civilized world towards the refugee cause indicates a dangerous general decline of the moral standards of mankind. The survival of our whole civilization is dependent upon the survival of two principles: namely, the principles of tolerance and self-restraint; only in their absence can any refugee problem develop. The loss of these two principles would involve the loss of free man's freedom of science, independence of the courts, democracy with its protection of minorities, the backbone of all state life—personal dignity.

The cause of the refugees is furthermore a *Christian* cause. This would be true, even if all refugees were Jews. The mere fact that after almost 2,000 years of Christianity's existence human beings are driven out of Christian countries is, as such, one of the greatest challenges which Christianity has to meet if it wants to remain faithful to the most important Christian injunction: to love one's neighbor. Christianity requires tolerance for the sinful individual; at the same time, it does forbid tolerance of intolerance. The Christians among those in need of evacuation number hundreds of thousands; the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee estimates that 43 percent of the refugees are Jewish and 57 percent are Christian. Some of them had a Jewish parent or a Jewish grandparent. Among them would be, for instance, two of the most famous German aviators: namely, Manfred von Richthofen, the outstanding war flyer, and Baron von Huenefeld, a member of the crew of three who first successfully crossed the Atlantic from Europe to America in an airplane. Moreover, Christianity is of universal character and its gospel, according to its Founder's commandments, has to be presented to all nations alike. As National-Socialist prophets assail the basic Christian principle of tolerance and characterize it as "weakening the strength of the nation," it must all the more be defended everywhere and before everybody, whether or not Hitler likes it, whether or not he calls it meddling in his affairs. To disregard the obligatory universal character of the Christian religion would mean nothing less than surrendering it to "worldly" powers and reducing it to a national or tribal religion.

Finally, the cause of the refugees has developed into one of the most important international problems. It

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