

progressive German labor movement which yearns to become again a part of the brotherhood of the workers of all lands.

I do not forget for one moment that we, the German workers and progressives have to show by our deeds, in building a democratic, peaceful, anti-fascist Germany, that we are able to learn very thoroughly from the terrible mistakes and failures of the German people in the past.

Such historic lessons contain the duty to recognize the terrible war guilt of the German nation and of our moral obligation to repair, to a maximum, the damage which Hitler Germany has inflicted on other people.

These historic lessons contain also the recognition of the failure of the German working class for not having prevented the victory of Nazism in Germany in the years of 1930-1933 — because worker stood against worker, instead of isolating and smashing fascism in good time by the power of the united labor movement allied with progressives of all other camps. The German communists alone could not in spite of their heroic struggles prevent the victory of this arch-enemy of the German people and of mankind.

This lesson further contains especially the failure of the German workers—in the years after the first world war of not having completed the democratic revolution after the fall of the monarchy and not having liquidated the economic, social and ideological power of the Junkers, this old military bourgeoisie of Germany; distributing their great landed estates to the peasants and agricultural workers; driving the Junkers out of the army and police, from the courts, schools, churches and universities, from all branches of the administration, from all industrial and financial enterprises.

But I have to ask again: Why is it that the Western zones are still the sanctuaries of the criminal gangs of the big German industrial-

benches still exercise their pernicious influence: that they sit in the Ruhr and of the railroads, of the German steel trust which is not broken up; in the administration of the machine tools, I. G. Farben and textile factories, plotting and sabotaging, camouflaging the old cartel connections for whom no some and natural boundaries exist.

Why is it that there was not undertaken in the Western Zones a merciless purge of these industrialists and bankers and no international trials for the industrial war criminals. Only Schacht was tried in an international court and he was acquitted. Now the Germans at last have sentenced him. Where are the trials of Krupp, Baron Von Schroeder, Thyssen and Poengens and all the others. Certainly we are all glad to have heard the other day that 24 top officials of the I. G. Farben have been indicted. But only 24, and only after 2 years, and only indicted.

I am certain, it is not the American veterans, not the relatives of the 300,000 American soldiers killed in the war, not the American people who need these cursed German industrialists. You Americans have enough trouble with your own 200 big corporations.

But apparently, Mr. Herbert Hoover, Mr. John Foster Dulles, Senator Vandenberg, and the other Gentlemen with their Good Wall St. German counterparts should be harmed. After all, these big German industrialists and bankers and their Nazi henchmen would pass with honors every test of the House Ur-American Activities Committee and you can be sure that they would vote with sardonic laughter for the so-called Truman doctrine. They just love killing Greek and other democrats. They could even teach Mr. Parnell Thomas and Mr. Edgar Hoover a thing or two with their ideas how to murder every Communist, every liberal and every trade unionist, how to suppress civil

No wonder the Socialist Unity Party under whose leadership the historic Prussian territories are becoming the most advanced parts of the Germany of today, is hated and slandered not only by the German but also by the British and American reactionaries. This party is called totalitarian—because it is in favor of one political party for the German workers for one united trade union movement of German labor.

Your telephone workers could not achieve full success in their fight against one trust because they were split in dozens of unions. How could German labor succeed in smashing German reaction and the remnants of German fascism forever—if not united.

If the fact that because American labor has not 200 or 300 representatives, faithful to the interest of the people in Congress is accelerating the danger of reaction, of recession, of economic crisis and even of war, how could a split German labor movement working in the devastated, confused demoralized Germany, without your old national democratic traditions play a decisive democratic role—without unity. If it comes to the election of a German parliament and a German Central Government if united, man could win the majority in Germany and could lead the country forward to social progress and peace.

Let us not forget that German labor, which was once, before 1914, united, has paid as no other labor movement in the world the terrible price of disparity and of capitulation to reaction. Let us never forget that the victory of German fascism and this was lastly the result of the split in the German labor movement which could, therefore, not concentrate all its strength upon one task and only one task: Crushing the powers of reaction-barbarism and creating a progressive Germany. And this exactly will happen again if German labor does not unite now.

From all this follows: The policy of every occupation power in Germany which does not encourage the reunion and the unity of the German working-class movement and every democratic movement of the people, but even hampers it and hinders it—is an enemy of the democratic resurrection of the German people. The role of such an occupation power, whether it knows it or not, becomes rather the role of a helper and sponsor of the German war mongering revenge party. To be perfectly frank about it, this is in my opinion the present-day role of the American and British occupation policy in Germany after the betrayal of the policy of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Even most of the American journalists agree on the demoralization in the American

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many could the Russians, with the democratic forces in Europe, your reactionaries try to organize in the heart of Europe a kind of German India, splitting Germany up in principalities, in a German Hindustan and German Pakistan. Trying to divide the German people into Mohammedans and Hindus and Mohammedans and Hindus, touching, meaning the Reda. But a policy which divides any people, also the German people, the right to organize independent and indivisible nations, according to its own desires, nothing to do with democracy. It is rather the imperialist method of divide and rule, and of setting up democratic upstarts of the

Neither the... relation between a central government and the state states. Why should Germany be organized in such a way that it would need later a Germany Lincoln to crush reaction, in the different German states. As a German Communist, I have all reasons in the world to hope that the spirit of the great F.D.R. will prevail in your peace, everlasting peace, long peace, eternal peace, possible and the great power of unity, between the great power especially in regard to the German peace treaty, will give the German people the best, perhaps, the only chance, for a democratic resurrection.

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Hochverrat, Verleumdung, 1937 in der Emigration in Holland, 1938-39 in der Schweiz, 1939-45 in Frankreich interniert, dann im KZ Dachau. Hat sich von den Leiden noch nicht erholt. Gesundheitszustand sehr schlecht.

**WWE. JOSEF BELLUT**  
 (1882) Duesseldorf, Koorkordlastr. 86a  
 Nordrhein-Westfalen, Brit. Zone  
 Der Ehemann war in der Arbeiterbewegung tätig, wurde wegen Vorbereitung zum Hochverrat inhaftiert und ist nach 7-monatiger Schutzhaft an den Folgen der Haft verstorben. Die Witwe leidet schwer unter den Auswirkungen des Hungers.

### Macht Bigotrie strafbar!

"Antisemitismus und Bigotrie sind gefährliche Waffen in den Händen der Feinde unseres Landes." erklärt die Gesetzesvorlage H.R. 2848 die von Kongressmann Charles A. Buckley von New York verfasst wurde und jetzt vor dem Haus Komitee fuer das Post- und Staatsdienst liegt.

Die Gesetzesvorlage stellt fest, dass jede Person, die in der Absicht ist, die Rassenhass und religiösen Diskriminierung zu verbreiten, und traagt an, dass derartige Handlungen mit einer Strafe von 1000 oder fuerf Jahren Ge-

feignis oder beidem geahndet werden soll.

Ein solches Gesetz, wie es in dem Buckley Bill vorgeschlagen wird, waere tatsaechlich ein grosser Schritt zur Sicherung der traditionellen amerikanischen Buergerrechte. Es waerue den Feinden unseres Volkes, die sich immer der Bigotrie bedienen um Haas und Misstrauen zu sachen, einen Kompepel ans Bein binden, und in der Durchfuehrung dieses Gesetzesgebuung wuerde offenbar, wer in unserem Lande unamerikanisch ist.

Lasst Euer Abgeordneter wissen, dass wir ein Buckley-Gesetz haben wollen.

### Katz und Gut



Die Trumanoktrin

von Harry

Beweise unauer, dass die reaktionseren Kraefte bei Euch denselben Weg marschieren, wie ihn die Reaktion in Deutschland gegangen ist. Lasst Euch die Erlebnisse Eurer Angehoerigen, hier in Deutschland Mahnung und Lehre sein. Wer mit der Reaktion haelt oder sich von der Reaktion einfangen laesst hilft mit am eigenen Untergang und foerdert den Untergang seiner Nation. Wer sich heute noch dem Fortschritt verschliesst, den Fortschritt bekampft wird morgen schwere Opfer bringen muessen.

Der G.A. hat tapfer gestritten, ist tapfer und wird tapfer weiterkempfen muessen im Interesse der gesamten Menschheit und insbesondere im Interesse des Teiles der amerikanischen Bevoelkerung der die deutsche Sprache schreibt, liest oder spricht. Moegs der G.A. das Banner des Fortschritts hochhalten, das wird auch die wertvollste Hilfe sein, die er uns Deutschen bringen kann. In diesem Sinne gruesse ich den G.A. und begleite ihn mit meinen aus tiefsten Herzen kommenden Glueckwuenschen fuer die Zukunft.

Durch die Tagespresse geht die Nachricht det der "Pulitzer Preis" an den Journalisten Woltman für "hervorragende schriftstellerische Leistungen" verliehen worden ist.

**Das Woltman-Rezept:**  
 Nimm reichlich Dreck und knet'nicht lange und salz ihn mit Verleumdung ein, nimm ein paar Phrasen von der Stange —es kann auch was von Hitler sein.

Dann wiederhole eine Lüge, solange bis sie etwas steht. Nimm etwas Wahrheit und verbielle sie, das alles wird dann abgehöhlet.

Vom Kriminalroman stiehl ein paar Leichen von Scripp Howard den Gröseserwein, vom Bilbo lass Dir Flüche reichen und als Gewürz nimm Ku-Klux-Klan

Nimm viel "Gobeinnies aus dem Bett" Vergiss nicht Abfall von der Gasse Der Unrat macht dem Kohl dir fett und gut belohnt wirst Du vom Boese.

So spricht Herr Woltman: Patrioten für meine Kunst hier der Beweis: "im stetam Kampf gegen die Roten gewann ich den Pulitzer Preis"

# Wir Haben Geholfen Mehr Hilfe Tut Not!

Lieber German American: Stuttgart, den 5. Apr.

Die "Sozialistische Arbeit und Sanftschilfe" grüsst Sie herzlich und dankbar. Seit unserer einjährigen Bekanntheit haben Sie uns viel geholfen.

Aber: Abwehrende Antifaschist verdankt Ihnen Bemühungen in jeder ein mehrwertes Paket—and eine ermutigende Freundschaft. Gerade Sie haben sich mühtig dafür eingesetzt, dass auch den kranken Überlebenden der Konzentrationslager ihr Anteil an den amerikanischen Liebesgaben gewahrt wird.

Ver allem aber hat Ihre unantastbare Tat geholfen, elenden kranken Antifaschisten das Leben zu retten. Ohne Ihre Hilfe ist z. B. Peter G. A. mit einer reichen Spende bedacht.

Es ist ermutigend zu wissen, dass jenseits des "Grossen Wassers"—auch helfende Freunde leben und wirken. Diese Erfahrung macht uns zuversichtlich bei unserer Sammler-Arbeit für die Opfer des Nationalsozialistischen Terrors. Wir helfen diesen Menschen in dem Bewusstsein, dass

## DIE VERFOLGTEN VON GESTERN—DIE ERBAUER DER ZUKUNFT

Es wird keine deutsche Zukunft geben.

zum betteln wir auch nicht im weinerlichen Tontall ehemaliger um Ihr Mitleid und Ihre Hilfe. Unsere bühnenläufige Arbeit und Ihre Hilfe dient dem demokratischen Fortschritt in Deutschland.

In herzlichster Verbundenheit Ihre

Edw. Aerste und Sanftschilfe  
Schlotterbeck

Im Folgenden vorgezeichneten sind wieder Anchriften Deutscher Antifaschisten. Alle Adressen sind in der britischen Zone.

HUGO BECKMANN 13 Jahre Emigration

Düsseldorf, Hermannstr. 31

ein-Wettstein, Birk Zone

wegen seiner Illusionen Arbeit—war 5 Jahre Gewerkschafts-Funktionär—während seiner Emigration wurde er eine schwere Korporation durchmachen. Gesundheitszustand sehr

2. BEHMER 8 Jahre KZ

ver-Dorsten, Brückweg 344

Antifaschist in der Arbeiterbewegung und wurde wegen Defekts wegen

at durch die Hart körperlich sehr heruntergekommen und zu schwerer Arbeit

ant mehr tauglich.

## An die Leser des G.A.

(Fortsetzung von Seite 1)

Artikel im G.A. schrieb, als ich noch drueben war, kann ich heute, der ich seit 4 Monaten wieder in meiner Heimat Deutschland bin, nur kraftig unterstreichen. Wie hat die Reaktion mein Heimatland—angründe gerichtet! Nein, man kennt es nicht mehr wieder. Wo einstmalis Hasener standen, sind heute Trümmer; wo sich einstmalis Kirchengänger zur Andacht zusammenfanden, stehen heute Ruinen; ehemalige Parks sind heute Schuttblöden. Strassen, in denen sich früher lachende Menschenmassen stauten, sind heute leer. Eisenbahnen, Strassenbahnen und andere Verkehrsmittel sind heute im Zustande des Zerfalls. Menschen, die früher adrett und sauber gekleidet waren, laufen heute in unanständigen Kleidern z.T. in Fetzen herum. Früher konnte man den Deutschen als gepflegten Menschen, heute findet man die Mehrheit ungepflegt mit grauen, schmutzigen und verbläuten Gesichtern. Einstmalis waren abgemergerte Gesichter in bedeutend geringerer Zahl vorhanden als heute. Menschen, deren kultureller Hochstand in der ganzen Welt bekannt war, sind durch den Sieg der Reaktio nin 12 Jahren auf das niedrigste Niveau heruntergekommen. Einstmalis ein Land gesitteter Jugend, ist nunmehr ein Land mit einer verrotteten Jugend.

Wenn ihr in einem Jahr, in zwei Jahren oder noch mehr Jahren einmal wieder eure Angehörigen hier in Deutschland besuchen werdet, wird Euch noch immer das Mahnmal entgegenstarren, ihr werdet Euch selbst überzeugen koennen; denn was der Nazismus hier hinterliess, wird noch auf viele, viele Jahre auf Schritt und Tritt zu sehen und zu spüren sein! Obwohl

## Wie das Lehrerproblem In Berlin gelöst wurde

von einer Berliner "Neulehrerin"

Der Lehrplan umfasst die allgemein nethlichen Unterrichtsfächer fuer Schulen—Deutsch, Geschichte, Rechnen, Mathematik, Naturwissenschaften, Erdkunde, Wertunterricht, Turnen, Sport.—Als Spezialfach fuer die angehenden Lehrer kommen hinzu: Pädagogik und Psychologie. Ausser spater einsetzendem "Hospitieren" in Schulklassen (Zuhören beim Unterricht in einer Kinder-Schulklasse, ohne sich selbst daran beteiligen zu duerfen), handelt es sich bei der Neulehrer-Ausbildung nur um eine theoretische. Die eigenen Schulkennntnisse sollen wieder aufgefrischt oder erweitert werden.

Eine vollkommen neue und wichtige Wandlung erfuh der Unterricht in Deutsch und Geschichte.

In "Deutsch" nahm der Grammatik-Unterricht nur einen untergeordneten Teil ein, die schwächeren Schueler in diesem Punkt wurden zu wochenentlichen Arbeitsgemeinschaften nach den Kursstunden zusammengefasst. Das wichtigste war der Literaturgeschichtliche und Literatur-Unterricht, der—in objektiver Form—eine politische Bedeutung hatte. Der Lehrer leitete nur den Unterricht, d.h., er fuhrte den Schulplan durch, im uebrigen gestaltete sich der Unterricht als "Arbeitsgemeinschaft", was in diesem Fach, sowie in Geschichte, besonders leicht moeglich war, weil unter den Schuelern immer einige besonders versierte vorhanden waren.—Es wurden aber zu den Vortraegen absichtlich auch die weniger Orientierten herangezogen, wobei ein Hauptthema an zwei oder drei Schueler verteilt wurde, und diese sich gemeinsam vorbereiteten, sodass die schwächeren von den gut Informierten lernen ihr Wissen anderen mitzuteilen.—Das Material fuer die Vortraege holten wir von Stadtbibliotheken, teilweise stellten uns Schueler Buecher aus ihrem Privatbesitz zur Verfuegung.—Die Vortraege wurden kritisiert, unter besonderer Beruecksichtigung ihrer Eignung fuer die kindliche Aufassungsgabe. Teils vom Lehrer, teils von den Schuelern aus erfolgte eine allgemeinguetliche Bewertung der Gestalten der Literatur, sowie ihrer Schoepfer in freier Diskussion, wobei oft manchmal sich aktuelle Parallelen ergaben.—Leider beteiligen sich vorlaeufig an Diskussionen nur erst wenige—meist dieselben,—auch sind die Betrachtungen an die Kuerze der Zeit und an die Begrenztheit des Unterrichts gebunden, aber, man kann sich vorstellen, dass nachher an den "Arbeitsgemeinschaften",—nach erfolgter Aufnahme der Lehrerausbildung—und an den Abendkursen sich mehr an Diskussionen beteiligen werden, weil ihnen das Interesse durch die Praxis, durch die Notwendigkeit der Fragen-Bearbeitung den Kindern gegenueber, u. allein schon die nachmalige stoffliche Vorbereitung auf die naechste Stunde, aufgenoeigt wird.

(Schluss folgt in der naechsten Nummer)

Milva morbank.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 15, 1947

The attached clipping  
was sent to the Director by  
Walter Winchell.

The notation on the  
clipping reads:

"To Hoover from W.W."

Attachment

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# BROADWAY BEAT

by BARNARD RUBIN

**A**MERICAN Military Government officials in Germany are carrying on a pressure campaign to have this government permit importation and exhibition here of over 100 movies made by the German Nazis.

So far the fight has been made more or less under cover with American producers opposing—not on ideological grounds—but simply to prevent competition.

(Incidentally, the expose in this column that the de Maupassant film *Bel Ami* now showing in the foreign movie houses was actually a Nazi film, became quite an issue between American producers and the government—particularly because a Hollywood film, based on the same story, was being issued). . . .

## TOWN TALK

Mae West's agent to London to arrange for her appearance there in *Diamond Lil* some time in August. . . .

The wine market has hit a new low. . . .

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's anti-Soviet movie, *The Red Danube*, scheduled to start production in July—if not sooner. John Lee Meehan was assigned to do a rush slick-up job on the script done some time ago by Gina Kaus. Casey Wilson has been told to concentrate everything on speeding up production preparations. . . .

Eddie Cantor's daughter, Marilyn, dickering for a script which she intends to co-produce on Broadway. The main role in the play, I hear, characterizes a fascist. . . .



Music Corporation of America is out to sign the Scarsdale Highschool Jazz Band. That's the band which appeared at the Town Hall Jazz Concert Jan. 1 put on by Mezz Mezzrow "Really the Blues" and won the Newspaper Guild's Page 1 award. They're all kids from 16 to 18 years of age. . . .

June Havoc turned down the lead in the London *Annie Get Your Gun* to play with George Raft—that is in the United Artists film *Intrigue*. . . .

Joseph Marab and Miranda have just completed their fourth Decca album. This is the first one in which they actually sing every song together. They're now due in Las Vegas for personal appearances. . . .

William Liebling trying to arrange a radio show starring Tom Pedl. . . .

Ilec Templeton is doing the music for *Dream Boat* to be produced by Paul Feigay and Oliver Smith. Based on the old Victor Wolfson play *Excursion*. . . .

Lou Polan, featured in *The Whole World Over*, will traverse the May Day Parade route in an open horse-drawn victoria clad in 1886 costumery. . . .

Although Alice in Wonderland is a smash hit, they're having lots of trouble with the White Knight role. Philip Bourneouf, who plays the role became ill. Thereupon Angus Cairns replaced him. The first thing he did was to fall off his horse and break his arm. Jack Manning is now the White Knight—while everyone holds his breath. . . .

The Red Cross is denying it is cooperating with the Telephone Company in attempts to help break the strike. Story started because Red Cross cots were found in telephone buildings which could be used.

Many unionists still not convinced. Reason: The Red Cross cots are still in the buildings. . . .

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## NEWSPAPER TALK

Walter Winchell, in his Sunday night broadcast, claimed credit for a scoop to the effect that Vitterio Mussolini is in Argentina. From this column's lead item of March 24, "Mussolini's son, Vitorio, reported to be taking life easy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 'Story is that Vitorio, who boasted about the bang he got out of bombing helpless Ethiopians, was sneaked out of Franco Spain...'

Incidentally, while we're talking about Hearst's little boy, labor people and liberals who feel Winchell should know that everything he picks up about such people, including his own *Spies*, is immediately communicated to his *Stork Club* companion, FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover. . . .

More objective editing: "WALLACE GREETED BY FRENCH BEDS" was the New York Sun headline April 22.

The text ran: "The welcoming committee included Jaques Duclos, Secretary of the French Communist Party; Pierre Cot, a personal friend of Wallace; William Gremly, chairman of the Paris chapter of the American Veterans Committee; Robert Chapman, AVC vice chairman, and representatives of the France-Amerique Committee."

Auto workers at Dearborn are telling this story of Henry Ford's funeral. Ford, the anti-Semite, will always be remembered by veteran auto workers as the great exponent of the speed-up.

The story goes that as Ford was being carried by the pall-bearers, he sat up in his coffin, looked around and asked indignantly, "How many pall-bearers you got on this job?"

"Six," answered the nearest one. "Four'll do it," said Ford, lying down, "Lay off two of them". . . .

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New York, N. Y.  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

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FROM : SAC, Houston

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This is to advise you that on this date Special Agent [REDACTED] was in conference with [REDACTED] an auditor for the War Assets Administration. [REDACTED] stated he had heard from a WAA representative, namely [REDACTED] that "Walter Winchell's boys were trying to get information regarding the [REDACTED] situation". [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] gave him no further information but suggested he listen to WINCHELL's broadcast on Sunday, June 29th.

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[REDACTED] could give no further information in this matter, and [REDACTED] has not been questioned regarding this matter. [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] in regard to this case at an earlier date.

To date, no information has been given to the press regarding this matter, and it is not believed that local publicity would be wise at this time as the facts have not yet been developed to a sufficient extent to present the matter to the United States Attorney for his prosecutive opinion.

It is not known by the writer how or why this information could have been brought to the attention of WALTER WINCHELL if the information received this morning is true.

This matter is submitted to the Bureau solely for its information.

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Re: WALTER WINCHELL  
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Dear Sirs:

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This is being furnished for the Bureau's information.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter dated June 20, 1947, together with enclosure, has been received. Your thoughtfulness in making your views available to me is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attn Mr. Hoover:

Dear Sir:

Attached you will find a clipping written by Walter Winchell. Being this sort of stuff does not set very well with me after spending almost 7 years overseas. If Winchell is incorrect, then some one should make him so. If he is correct then what in the H--- is the matter with our government? dead GIs in Europe could see such stuff as this!

Of course this may not be in your department, but it looks like when we have information that the FBI could make or force a conviction and make it stick

Very truly y urs,

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# Water Witch In New York

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## NIGHTMARES OF A NEWSPAPERMAN

Last night I dreamed again. . . The mistress of the harbor, Lady Liberty, hurled her torch into the black waters of New York Bay, stuck her left thumb in her belt and threw up her right arm into a Nazi salute. . . Then, like Dr. Jekyll, her face changed into a modern Hyde; a forelock crept down over her forehead; a Chaplin moustache blackened her lip; and she screamed: "Heil Hitler!"

It'll happen to you, too, when you know what the State Department is welcoming into our country.

**Axis Sally** (nee Rita Zucca) was born in the U. S., but renounced her American citizenship in 1941 because she "liked to live in Italy". . . When the war ended she served a nine month bit for collaboration in Italy. But the U. S. could not prosecute her for treason because she wasn't an American citizen. (Oh, fudge!). . . Now there is a bad smell up in Stamford, Conn., and it's blowing in from Long Island Sound by way of the Atlantic Ocean. . . Why? . . . Well, the reports say Sally dear may be coming home to Stamford with the help of some loony local politicians. . . (Sally's papa denies it all. Look, Mr. Zucca, don't be such a zucca.)

**Thornton Sinclair** was a college professor who taught political science at Newark Univ. In 1938 he went to Germany to do "research" because he had a "scientific" interest in the political changes in Cholimany. . . Then what happened? Sinclair studied Naziland for a year, returned to the U. S., divorced his American wife and hot-footed it right back to Deutschland where he married a fraulein with high Nazi connections and remained there for the duration. . . Between 1939 and Pearl Harbor Day "the professor" broadcast for the Nazis. . . When our boys captured Germany they tossed Sinclair around and he chewed his nails for a year. . . Then our State Dept. issued a returned to the United States—on the S. S. Ernie Pyle (11)—to teach political science on an American campus. . . (Oh why did I eat that Welsh rarebit?)

**Dr. Manfred Curry** Boston-born expert on yachting, inherited a Bavarian estate from his mater and went to Germany in 1935. There he married the former Mrs. Fritz Thyssen and lived happily in his castle. . . Came the war Dr. Curry continued to live happily. Not once did the Nazis attempt to molest or intern this enemy alien in their midst. A neat trick for an American! . . . 64 buck question: Where is Dr. Curry now? . . . 3 bit answer: Right here in the U. S.—after an absence of 11 years—meeting with American business biggies etc. (Do you think we all were on the wrong side?)

ple in California) what a great guy he really is and how he loves America especially Hollywood. . . Look for him to try to make a comeback here. . . This phony is no better than his brother **Werner Jannings** who for years was an active Nazi agent in China. (Which should qualify him for entry as rumored!)

**Laird Podesta** is a little man who likes to keep himself in the background. . . One-time chief financial agent for Mussolini in the U. S. Podesta returned to Italy in July, 1941, after Il Duce stabbed France in the back. Big Jaw rewarded him with a Bank of Italy directorship, and Laird was doing all right. . . Then the Allies captured Rome, and the next thing we knew Podesta arrived in the U. S. in January, 1943, on a "technical" mission for the Bank of Italy. . . Insiders here hollered about his admission to the U. S., and over two years ago, we heard, the Italian Gov't was supposed to recall Podesta. . . Well, the signor is still in the U. S.—living "quietly" with his wife in Forest Hills, L. I. (Ho, hum!)

**Max Lorenz** (Nazi tenor-canary and darling of Adolf Hitler) flounced into the U. S. in January, 1947, for an opera tour which flopped. He returned to Europe in the Spring but is due back this month for opera appearances. (The Met is considering signing him) . . . This sweetheart of the Nazi elite tries to cover himself by pointing to his non-Aryan wife. But Maxie is strictly a Ratzie and was a good pal of the unholy three: Hitler, Goering and Goebbels. . . Incidentally, didn't Max entertain Kirsten Flagstad in Berlin in 1941 on her way back to Norway? . . . (The perfumed book, please!)

**Princess Stefanie Hohenlohe** (Schillingburg) came here as a visitor in December, '39. A year later the U. S. Atty. Gen. ordered her deported as an undesirable. . . She had been the leading Nazi hostess in London and was credited by **Carl Fritz Wiedemann** (the master-mind of German espionage in the USA) with setting the ground-work for the Munich-Hitler agreement. . . Before our agents could put her on the boat she began "singing" for the Justice Dept., and so they released her from custody. . . Came Pearl Harbor, and Stefanie was sent to an enemy alien detention camp until June, '43, when she was paroled. . . And where is the Princess now? . . . Right here in 171 ole No. . . the honored guest of some . . .

Questions: . . .

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## Winchell

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is still valid, why isn't this Nazi agent turned out . . . If the order was cancelled, why wasn't it???

Recently we item'd (in three acts) the American career of **Dr. Helgo W. Culemann**: 1937-1941, Nazi propaganda agent in the U. S.; Dec. '41 thrown into the Ellis Island clinic by the FBI; Fall of 1942—released by the U. S. Dept. of Justice. . . This play needs an epilogue: Herr Doktor now lives in a N. Y. penthouse with his bride, who is the wealthy widow of a famed radio announcer. . . Horatio Alger was wrong. Why work hard to get ahead? Just do a job for an enemy country. When war comes the Gov't will keep you out of it for the duration (with room and board for free). Then all you do is wait for a wealthy widder to make you an honest man!

Evvenakes—this is no night-mare; I'm AWAKE!

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Beniamino Gigli (like his brother mouse Tito Schipa) converted his dos res and mis into plenty do-re-mi in America during the 20's and 30's. . . In 1938 he complained to Italian newspapers about American "extortion and corruption." He even wrote a book called "Why I Am a Fascist!" . . . After the Allies took Rome he hired an armed bodyguard to protect him from the Italian underground. . . Recently the British Gov't had a helluva time explaining to Parliament why Fascist Gigli was admitted to England for a concert tour. . . Now Gigli wants to return to the land of "extortion and corruption". . . Idea for a smart promoter: Sign the Schipa-Flagstad-Gigli trio for a concert tour of displaced persons camps and U. S. war vet hospitals. Might help speed convalescence. (Hmf.)

Anybody remember Emil Jannings? He wowed Americans with his films, later became a Nazi hero and helped Joe Goebbels with propaganda movies. . . Recently Jannings left Germany and has been performing in Buenos Aires (natch!). Now he's telling everybody (including peo-

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : MR. EDW. A. TAMM

SUBJECT:

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On Thursday night, July 3rd, the Attorney General talked to me by telephone at some length concerning Walter Winchell's broadcast of June 29th in which he was critical of the penitentiary handling of Serge Rubinstein. The Attorney General, for almost a half hour, talked about the fact that no special favors were given to Serge Rubinstein; that actually he had only 4 visitors, 2 of whom were his lawyers, Gallagher and Schofield; that he lived in a dormitory with 34 other men; that he had no special food, etc., etc.

The Attorney General telephoned me on July 4th and requested that I obtain from Mr. Douglas McGregor the material which was available on the Serge Rubinstein situation as outlined above, and I did obtain this material from McGregor, it being attached hereto. After you have a chance to look at this material, we will photostat it and keep it in our file for informative purposes.

The purpose of the Attorney General's long discussion with me was to request that if you met Walter Winchell, you might indicate to him that the Attorney General had personally checked into the facts with reference to the Serge Rubinstein situation and could assure him that there was absolutely nothing irregular or unusual in the handling of Rubinstein by the Bureau of Prisons and that as a matter of fact he was receiving the same identical treatment as was being afforded other prisoners.

During the discussion on Thursday night, the Attorney General spoke at some length concerning the "Antonelli" case. I recall that the Antonelli case is one in which the Department of Justice prosecuted Antonelli and several associates for fraud against the government as a result of their operation of the Triumph Explosives Company which had formerly been a manufacturer of fireworks but which went into war production early in the war. You will recall that one of the principal defendants in this case committed suicide. The Attorney General stated that Antonelli would be eligible for release on July 7th but upon the basis of medical certificates furnished Clark by the doctors at the Lewisburg Penitentiary indicating that Antonelli would be blind and probably dead by July 7th, the Attorney General had permitted Antonelli to leave the penitentiary and to be quartered at his own expense in a hospital in upper New York. (I believe he said Rochester). As a result, the Gannett newspapers had been attacking Clark for releasing this prisoner who had defrauded the government and the Attorney General was a little afraid that Winchell

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might take up this cudgel and criticize the Attorney General for what he had done. Mr. Clark indicated the medical certificates were unbiased and factual ones and that he thought if Winchell were tipped off against the possibility of some misinformation being planted on him in this case, it might help the Attorney General.

I told the Attorney General that I knew you would want to do anything possible in a situation of this kind to make certain that no misinformation was publicized and that I would bring his request to your attention. I told him, however, that I doubted Winchell was in the East at the present time and, as a matter of fact, he probably was in travel status because you had indicated to me a few days before that he was going to proceed to Los Angeles.

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Attachment

1. W. W. is not in the East & I consequently did not see him.
2. Return papers to Mr. Grogan.

MR. DOUGLAS W. MCGREGOR  
ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 14, 1947

DIRECTOR, FBI

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Apreses of your discussion with Mr. Fann on July 4th relative to the Walter Winchell broadcast of June 29, 1947, concerning the penitentiary handling of Serge Rubinstein, I am returning herewith the memorandum addressed to the Attorney General on July 2, 1947, by Mr. James V. Bennett, together with the attachments referred to in Mr. Bennett's memorandum.

You will recall that you made this material available to the Bureau for its information and I am returning it in view of the fact that it does not appear that it will be necessary to retain this material in the Bureau.

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August 1, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

At 2:20 p.m. today ASAC Leo Nulty of Salt Lake telephonically advised Mr. McGuire that

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Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
 W. B. Nichols

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

Sir:

Shortly before the late Bugsy Siegel was murdered, Walter Winchell, the great opportunist, stated in his Sunday night broadcast over Radio Station WJZ, that someone in Hollywood whose initials corresponded with the second and nineteenth letters of the alphabet would be murdered. The second letter is B - the nineteenth is S. The Sunday night after the murder Mr. Winchell, in his usual braggadocio manner, called the public attention to his great coup.

May I ask why Mr. Winchell has not been questioned regarding these statements and made to tell from whom he received his information and it's source? If Mr. Winchell really knew that this man was to be murdered by some underworld character, why didn't he, like any decent law-abiding American citizen would have done and, I believe required by law, communicate immediately with the proper authorities and, if he did know, turn over to them the name or names of those implicated, together with the source of his information? Was Mr. Winchell so eager for a coup de grace that he permitted murder rather than divulge what he knew? I think this attitude of Mr. Winchell, if what he stated was true, stamps him, according to law, an accessory after the fact. It would with any other individual not so well known, and not fortunate enough to have the mantle of free journalism to hide behind as protection against prosecution for rash statements and insinuations.

Although not acquainted with the procedure of broadcasting companies, I believe that all broadcasts are recorded for future reference, therefore call your attention to same.

Wishing you continued good health, I am, Sir

Respectfully yours,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated August 23, 1947, has been received. While I would like to be of service, the matter which you mention is not within the scope of authority of this Bureau and I am unable to be of assistance in this instance. It is suggested that you might wish to consider contacting your local law enforcement authorities in connection with the facts you outline to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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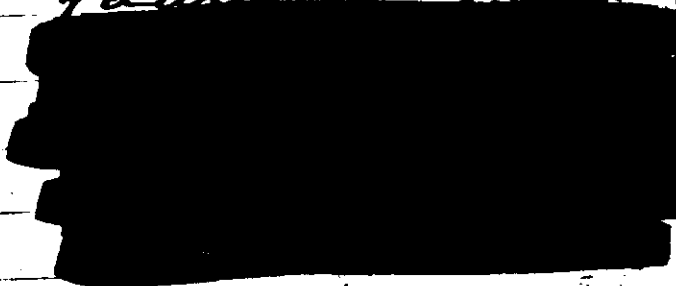
Walter Winchell  
Mr J. Edgar Hoover of  
The F.B.I. Washington DC

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated October 12, 1947, has been received.

I want you to know that I appreciate the interest which prompted you to furnish this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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October 18, 1947

Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

Dear Walter:

I am enclosing a copy  
of a letter which I thought you  
might like to have.

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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# Warts Not a Bedroom

WHAT has J. Edgar Hoover got on Walter Winchell?

It is no secret on Broadway that when the FBI police chief whistles Walter Winchell dances.

Ordinarily, this behind-the-scenes comedy wouldn't be of public interest.

But Walter Winchell, the other night, told 20,000,000 radio listeners that they must get ready to die. They must be ready to start throwing atom bombs against Europe and the Soviet Union, or else face the nightmare of "50 Pearl Harbors wiping out American cities."



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In either case, America must steer for war. Either we start it, or the Russians will start it, he said. He did not mention that if we start it first it won't be a picnic overseas, but a worldwide bloodbath of unprecedented horror and destructiveness. Winchell may know bedrooms and keyholes. War is different.

Not since Orson Welles started a mass riot with his "Martian invasion" broadcast, has this country heard anything like it.

Welles was innocent of any desire to stampede the people. But Winchell isn't so innocent. One would have to go back to the Berlin

broadcasts of Goebbels to match it for a cold-blooded attempt to spread insanity, fear and terror for a political purpose.

WE return to our original question—what has Hoover got on Winchell?

We ask it because Winchell admitted to the press that HE WAS ORDERED TO MAKE THAT SPEECH YELLING FOR WAR. Who ordered him? Why did he obey?

"I didn't want to do it," Winchell said, "but it had to be done. I've been tired and depressed since the broadcast." (New York Post, Oct 13.)

We strongly suspect that it was the FBI police chief who cracked the whip which made Winchell do his dance of death the other night before the American public.

And what kind of America will it be if J. Edgar Hoover and his mob get their hands on it? In the 1920's, he helped smash the trade unions in the wild illegalities known as the Palmer Raids.

In 1927, his FBI helped to frame the murder of two "radicals," Sacco and Vanzetti, as a warning to labor and the progressives.

J. Edgar Hoover scents that the wheel is turning his way again. The financial-industrial magnates of Wall Street want war. The "brass hats" want war. They want war in order to make profits, in order to have an alibi to crush democracy at home, and in order to grab the markets of the world.

NO one else wants war. Europe is devastated and hungry. The Russians lost 20,000,000 people defeating Hitler. Their towns, cities and farms need a generation of rebuilding. They have asked for loans, for help, for cooperation. They have asked that Germany and Japan and fascists everywhere be kept down by joint action to prevent all future wars. They have urged that the atomic warfare be outlawed, that atom bombs be destroyed, and that worldwide inspection guarantee all nations against atom bomb manufacture. It is the State Department, it is Wall Street which has vetoed all this, and presses for expansion and war.

Is another Reichstag Fire frame-up on the way against American democracy and peace?

Does Winchell know the answer, and does that explain his frightened but obedient hysterics the other night?

American public opinion must say to Winchell: "You lie, Mr. Winchell. There is no war danger except as it comes from you and your masters. The world prays for peace. You are betraying peace."

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Walt Winchell  
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# Talking About Microbes . . . Did You Hear Winchell?

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 Nobody expects Walter Winchell to fight for peace in his radio broadcasts or even to go so far as to tell the truth.

All that is expected of this key-hole St. George is that he keeps his lies within the normal bounds of a comedy broadcast and not blow them so big that they won't go down smoothly.

But in his broadcast Sunday night Winchell came up with a beaut in his attempt to sell America on a war with Russia.

After accusing the Soviet Union of experimenting with germ warfare, Winchell then reported what he termed an unconfirmed "rumor that the Soviets had sent cholera germs to Egypt and started the dread epidemic now spreading that country."

While admitting that it was a rumor, Winchell hinted broadly that it was true.

The only things Winchell omit-

ted were the facts.

• Far from sending germs to Egypt, the Soviet Government sent 1,000,000 units of anti-cholera serum to that country to help them fight the plague. This was reported in the New York Times of Oct. 5.

• The only government known to be experimenting with germ warfare is the U. S. government.

In fact, Winchell's claim to know about Soviet experiments is actually a joke, since one of the biggest beefs of our military men is that they cannot get any information about Soviet defense activities because of Soviet restrictions on our attaches and agents.

Winchell also winchelled that the Soviet Union was planning atomic attacks on 50 (count 'em) American cities.

Coming from Winchell, that one has the odor of rotten eggs. Because Winchell is the same guy who sat around at a press conference with a gang of reporters two

weeks ago after his Sunday night broadcast and bragged about how he had told Jack Purefoy, Assistant Secretary of State, just where the U. S. should drop atom bombs on Russia right now.

First, Winchell said then, the bomb ought to be dropped on the Kremlin. However, he told the reporters, he changed his mind after talking it over with Purefoy since they decided between them that the Soviet Government would probably have moved to the Urals.

Still explaining strategy to the reporters, Winchell continued that he and Purefoy had settled on "strategic points . . . wherever they're trying to get in . . . Romania, Hungary, Italy."

In other words, this Gutter Galahad sat around with a top official of the State Department and peacefully discussed just where American bombs should be dropped to blow hell out of Europe.

All right, Winchell. We won't call it warmongering, since that seems to hurt.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *DL*

FROM : J. P. Coyne *JPC*

SUBJECT:

DATE: October 15, 1947

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Your attention is directed to the attached editorial from today's Daily Worker entitled "War Is Not a Bedroom". In this editorial the Daily Worker makes reference to the recent statements made on his Sunday night broadcast by Walter Winchell relative to Vishinsky and the Soviet Union. The editorial endeavors to convey the impression that Walter Winchell was "ordered" to make the remarks which he made concerning the Soviet Union. Then expressing its views as to "ordered" Winchell, the Daily Worker states "We strongly suspect that it was the FBI police chief who cracked the whip which made Winchell do his dance of death before the American public."

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# Walter Winchell

## In New York

### The Inside of the Inside

(Letter from Mr. W.'s personal president):

Washington, D. C.: The "State of the Union" message has been generally criticized as being too diffusive, discussing too many things and "promising" something to everybody. So, very shortly, a flood of Presidential messages on specific points will start down Pennsylvania Avenue toward the Hill. They will be tough ones, asking specifically for specific things. If the Republican Congress balks—and it will—the President then will say to the country "this is what I want and this is what Congress refuses you." To show he is not fooling or just playing politics on the Civil Rights Bill, the President will issue executive orders where he has the authority, e. g., no discrimination in Government jobs, or Government cafeterias, etc.

How far he will go in pushing the military to abandon its obvious discrimination policies is a question. It is a tough nut. Watch for appointments of Negroes to more important positions. The political why and wherefore is obvious: Wallace and the Republicans, particularly Dewey, are both raiding the Negro vote, which has been Democratic as long as Roosevelt was President. The end of all this will be a filibuster by the Democrats in the Senate and if the Republicans play it right, they can hang it on the Democrats. But Truman personally can make a good record on it, and he can't afford to be idle. The next message is on housing. Truman will not only take a swing from his ankles at the real estate lobby but demand ironclad rent control.

The Marshall Plan—the experts say it is in "fair" shape. I am not so sure. Vandenberg, the Administration and the opposition are trying to compromise it out. Here is what they have agreed on so far: A single administrator, with Cabinet rank and with business experience. This rules out Bob LaFollette. The only man talked about who has this business experience and the broader view is Lew Douglas—but the Republicans are saying "nix, he is too close to the State Department." So it is still wide open, and everyone is looking for the man who will run it. The administrative compromise is excellent—a single administrator responsible to the President is the best solution. The State Department is a loser in its battle, and the incredibly bad idea of the Herter Committee for a bi-partisan commission loses too. Both should have.

Eisenhower will testify before the Vandenberg Comm. at the psychologically proper moment. He will ask, as did Marshall, for all or nothing, financially speaking. His main appeal will be that the situation is really desperate and action must be speeded up. But don't look for the plan to be finished by the Congress before May 1st.

That seems far away, and it may be a bit too long, but the delay will be incredible. The tactics of delay are the opposition's tactics. The Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs will report out the Plan by a unanimous vote or by a 12-1 vote soon. (Hickenlooper, Iowa isolationist, is wrong on it.) There will be much trouble in the House. Southerners, despite their long tradition in foreign policy, are against it, a new phenomenon in American politics. Their economy background is responsible. They fear to add the Plan on inflation.

Taxes—a compromise is being talked about. Truman may go along with a reduction; the National Committee bunch are against it. Ironically, unless they had worked out the labor lineup, Truman couldn't do it. The Wall Street crowd, which wrote the Knutson report, only published the dissenting opinion of Matt. Woll after he threatened to scream blue murder on seneca jp. Funny that Roswell Magill isn't in the national headlines more. He's done more Big Things for the Big Boys than any man since Andy Mellon.

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Some experts say Stassen will pick up 12 delegates in Ohio. His move was both bold and brilliant. If he runs badly, people will say, of course, it is Bob Taft's home state, and he couldn't break in there. If he runs well, however, it will knock the last prop out from under Taft and make Stassen formidable. He may not win, but he may control the convention by throwing his votes early to Vandenberg when Dewey and Taft deadlock.

The Eccles business is another bad blow to the New Dealers. They are getting used to it, however, and are reaching the "hell with him" stage. As one of the leaders said the other day: "I view Mr. Truman's candidacy for re-election with such a vast indifference that it shocks and startles me." It was really a silly move by Truman because Eccles has five votes on the Federal Reserve Board against McCabe and Vandaman. It was a needless humiliation, and Eccles will really pay Truman back now. The last chance gulch is the SEC battle, which ought to be decided this week or next. The leading candidate of the Stock Exchange crowd and their allies (Snyder, Forrestal, Harriman, Caffery, et al.) is Rowen of Boston.

The progressives are "fed up" with Truman. They always watch the men he appoints to office. Truman isn't fooling liberals who watch appointments and pay no attention to words. Lew Douglas, instead of Bob LaFollette, had the inside track with the President's advisers on the Marshall Plan. Another sore point, because Lew Douglas was strongly anti-FDR, Truman makes one progressive out of three appointments, where with Roosevelt it was three out of three.

Some one saw Francis Biddle recently. He is standing very well with Truman though I imagine he must have trouble putting on his overcoat over the handle of the jewelled stiletto Dean Acheson stuck in his back. His friends say Biddle doesn't stay mad at his enemies because he forgets who they are. I hear Thurman Arnold is really warming up to run for the Senate in Wyoming. Bill Douglas tells friends he hasn't heard from any reliable source that he, Douglas, is running for anything. I hear that the idea of appearing on the Truman ticket just amuses him.

The liberals are fed up with the Grahams and the Pauleys who have smeared the party by their speculations on commodities. Whatever else the Democratic party did under Roosevelt, it was honest. The Truman Administration is being compared too often with the Harding and Grant Administrations. Liberals have decided as a long-range plan to write off 1948 and start from scratch, building up a genuine American progressive movement within both parties, liberal Republicans helping progressive Democrats, and vice versa. This is the way the New Deal came into power. It takes years of hard work, but progressives have decided there is no other way. They may do some work for Congressmen in 1948, but they won't take off their coats for Truman. My guess is that if Wallace doesn't finish him, this will. Well, that's how things look from the ~~top of the~~ red tape on Executive Ave.

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October 27, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

The local office of Collier's Magazine called on October 25th to advise that on Friday, October 31st, Dixon Hartwell will be in Washington. He is doing an article on Walter Winchell and wants to check with people in the Navy Department who knew Winchell and would also like to talk to the Director about Winchell along the lines of: Has Winchell been of help in the detection of crime and during the war years? I told the lady that I doubted very much if the Director would be available and suggested Mr. Hartwell call us when he does get in town.

It would be my suggestion we try to duck this if we possibly can, and in the event we can't the Director might have some view he might wish to express.

Respectfully,

I suggest Mr Hoover  
not be available

*L.N.* Nichols

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CC - Mr. Nease

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BEVERLYHILLS CALIF  
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

DEAR JOHN IS THERE ANY REASON WHY YOU WILL NOT SEE THAT EDITOR  
ON LONG ISLAND. ALICIA, SISSIES NIECE HAS ASKED ME SEVERAL  
TIMES NOW TO HELP GET YOU TWO TOGETHER ON A MATTER IMPORTANT  
TO THE WELFARE OF OUR COUNTRY, SHE SAID. WILL BROADCAST FROM ABC  
NEWSROOM HOLLYWOOD SUNDAY NIGHT. AM AT BEVERLY WILSHORE HOTEL.

REGARDS  
WALTER WINCHELL  
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MR. WALTER WINCHELL  
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DEAR WALTER. TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REACH YOU BY TELEPHONE LAST NIGHT. LONG ISLAND EDITOR HATHAWAY HAS CONFERRED WITH AGENT IN CHARGE MY NEW YORK OFFICE AND UNDERSTANDS CANNOT BE GIVEN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FROM OUR FILES. HE HAS PROMISED TO FURNISH US CERTAIN INFORMATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. REGARDS

JOHN

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Nov. 12, 1947

*July 1947*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

I saw Dixon Hartwell, the Collier's writer who is doing a piece on Walter Winchell. He was chiefly interested in contributions made by Winchell and on the general question of crusades by Winchell. I outlined briefly the details surrounding the Director's meeting with Winchell in the Lindbergh case, his holding the story for 24 hours; the fact that on his own initiative he picked up the retirement bill in 1936 and crusaded for this; the fact that Winchell has crusaded against national socialism, gangs, etc. Hartwell asked the specific question, "Does Winchell have a pipe line in the Bureau?" I told him that he does not.

He then asked how the rumor was circulated. I told him there had been certain things that occurred which had been misunderstood and cited the case of Pretty Boy Floyd; the fact that he was killed late in the afternoon, a release was made but before the papers came out on the street Winchell used it from the wires. Hartwell agreed this was perfectly understandable. I told him on another occasion the Director was attending an IACP convention in Atlantic City, a wire was given the Director announcing the resignation of one of our key SACs, that in the conversation that followed there was some discussion on the man. Winchell inquired if he could use it. There was nothing secret to it and he was advised that he could. I then referred briefly to the facts in the Buchalter case.

Hartwell impressed me as being friendly to Winchell. He told me he had access to the files of the Friends of Democracy which did considerable of Winchell's investigating on national socialism.

Respectfully,

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
Beverly-Wilshire Hotel  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Walter:

I have just had the opportunity of seeing the Hooperatings for October 15 to 21. I was very happy to observe that not only being among the top in ratings, you led the ratings for the American Broadcasting Company, followed by Bing Crosby and then our program, "This Is Your FBI." I think that we are in excellent company and I did want to extend you my heartiest congratulations.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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The attached material was sent  
to the Director by Walter  
Winchell.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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[redacted] is a Commy. He told his wife that  
the husband of [redacted] at a recent Commy meeting had donated \$1800 to the cause.  
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[redacted] had her father taken to Bellevue by two cops some time ago and  
[redacted] finally had him committed to Bloomingdale (for the insane). Source says  
[redacted] he's not crazy; merely senile; is 74. Says [redacted] herself is rather nutz.  
[redacted] bought [redacted] during the war, etc. [redacted] commy  
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November 9<sup>th</sup>, 47

Dear Mr. Winchell -  
Is [REDACTED] of Publicity  
Dept at Warner Bros, one  
of the 79 Hollywood  
Communists? He is actively  
working against U.S. gov't  
& I have this on very  
good authority.

Yours truly  
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Mr Walter Winchell,  
% New York Daily Mirror,

Dear Sir.

A few days ago, I was handed a copy of The Great Conspiracy. What I have read so far, sounds as if, the main desire of the 66 Authors, (Michael Sayers and Albert E. Kahn) are to get sympathy for Russia. What is this book? It is either over my head, or Under my feet. Which? I am too old to swallow such mouthful's, and am not going to get choked, on the kind of food it offers. Since one of Florida's POLUTITION's so amibly passed the, So called ,good word, I would like to know if that is one way, by which, to gain a few Votes in the next Round. And if this servant of the Southland is paving the way to a great Conspiracy of his own, If by chance, this book is true, it seems to me, it is high time for us to look into the lives and principals, of our present day Public Servants. So tell me Mr. Winchell, by letter, or on your Sunday night Broadcast, So many are in sympathy (it seems) , By the way, Mr Raymond Robbins, lives not too far from Tampa, and from all accounts, he is a very fine man. I think I'm getting this letter too long, EH? Thanking you in advance for your Candid Oppinion, Which to me, is all the authority needed,

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November 22, 1947

From Walter Winchell with  
notations:

To J.E.H. I suggested it first  
months ago.

A review of the files fail to  
reflect any identifying infor-  
mation on [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
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FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE

Louis Josephson, Chairman.

To JSH.

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
Daily Mirror,  
New York City.

*I suggest it first  
middle age*

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Here's a scoop for you. J. Edgar Hoover for the President of the United States in 1948. Once in a great while there is a man in the nation, who conducts his office and himself in a manner that warrants great respect and admiration. An inspiration to the youth of the nation and to the United States. A gentleman who has never cared for fanfare or applause and yet has made his office and department the best governed and best known in the world. If all other departments of our government were led by such leadership, they would have achieved the same degree of efficiency and respect. Year after year this gentleman has worked hard and declined to rest on his department's and his own laurels.

Then isn't it logical to suppose that were this gentleman to be elected President by the people of this great nation, he would bring his talent and his splendid capabilities to that high office? Of course and without doubt he would. A man without scandal, prejudice or snobbish qualities, the people of the United States would do well to select Mr. J. Edgar Hoover a dark horse to win the presidential race.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover is not a politician. A plain honest hard working official of the Federal Bureau Of Investigation. He has no ax to grind and he does not seek the presidency. Rather it should be thrust upon his manly shoulders for the good of the people and the future of the nation. J. Edgar Hoover is a man who can be trusted and his record is tops. An educated man with many college degrees and yet a humble man of keen understanding and wisdom.

Sincerely and with best wishes

Louis Josephson

*Louis Josephson*  
Chairman

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Director, FBI

November 20, 1947

SAC, Los Angeles

**RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES IN  
THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION -  
CRIME SURVEY**

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Your attention is invited to the enclosed clippings referring to the roasting by the Los Angeles Police Department of a group of hoodlums in the early morning of November 14, 1947. The article under the by-line of DENNIS SPRAGUE (true name DOGAL O'LIAN), is enclosed because of the reference to a "famous columnist" as passenger in MICKY COHEN's car.

On November 18, 1947, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the columnist referred to is WALTER WINCHELL.

[REDACTED]

Additional information volunteered [REDACTED] during his stay in town WINCHELL is living on the lot of Twentieth Century Fox Studios and [REDACTED] has it WINCHELL is a narcotics addict, a

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Director, FBI

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Re: RACKETEERING ACTIVITIES IN  
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"Kyp." and that the obtaining of narcotics is his reason for being with  
COHEN.



A tie-in with this incident is the reference made concerning  
WALTER WINCHELL by a Los Angeles informant as set out in Los Angeles letter  
to the Director dated September 18, 1947 under the same title as this letter.

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November 26, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

FROM A. ROSEN

RE: WALTER WINCHELL

The attached P & C letter from the Los Angeles Division, 11/20/47, contains information to the effect that on the early morning of November 14, 1947, the Los Angeles PD stopped a Cadillac car, which was following Mickey Cohen's car.

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Winchell, according to [REDACTED] is a narcotic addict and that the obtaining of narcotics was the reason for his being with Cohen.

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Winchell, in an envelope postmarked at Beverly Hills, California, November 15, 1947 at 3 p.m., sent AMSD to the Director a copy of an undated letter he had addressed to Police Chief Young, wherein he states that he was riding in his car with Jack Diamond, Danny Rogers and Howie Horwitz and happened upon the police car while they were effecting the arrest. He stated that about an hour later Cohen approached Winchell at Dave's Blue Room and he told Winchell "he understood that I thought he was in some trouble and he wanted me to know he wasn't even there." Mr. Winchell in his letter stated that he had never seen this Cohen before.

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Walter Winchell

Mr. Hoover

How does Winchell find out the secret of the F. B. I. We feel there must be a snooper of his maybe a Communist

In your Confidential Report He finds out some way

It isn't safe you should check your news [redacted]

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- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

January 28, 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

SAC Scheidt called from New York. At 1:50 a.m. an anonymous telephone call was received in the New York Office from an individual who identified herself as a telephone operator. She stated that between 5 and 5:30 p.m. on the evening of January 25 she overheard a conversation between a [redacted] (spelling phonetic) and Walter Winchell, at which time [redacted] told Winchell about a troop movement involving 32,000 men. She did not hear where the troops were destined.

Scheidt wondered if he should not pass this on to MID in New York. I told him that he should take no action unless the Bureau informed him further. This might be something that it might be desirable to handle in Washington, with the advice that a [redacted] made a statement over the phone, without mentioning the identity of the person to whom he made it, that there was a troop movement involving 32,000.

Respectfully,

J. P. Nichols

*This is too  
redundant  
to warrant  
attention*

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# Walter Winchell In New York

## Notes of a Thankful American

Remember the fallen warriors in your prayers—from Minute Man to GI. Every right we have is the result of another American's sacrifice. The life that went out of them went into the everlasting life of this nation. We can best express our gratitude to them by making certain this nation retains their spirit and ideals. Thank them by proving democracy will never die—because they lived.

Here's a hallelujah for the Mississippi citizens who steam-rollered Rankin's Senatorial ambitions. He was booted in the slats, walloped in the solar-plexus and tossed into the alley. The extent of Rankin's lacing is what makes this more than a defeat for a penny-ante politico—it was a triumph for democracy.

There are some legislators who can't see any further than the next election. They go in for three-ringing and scrambling for headlines. There are many others, however, who are doing bang-up jobs without much fanfare. The mere fact that our democracy has remained strong is a tribute to the conscientious and hard-working legislators. You may not spot their names on the front pages, but their achievements have written some of the brightest pages in our history books.

Contributors to the Runyon Fund merit a year of turkey dinners. Rich and poor, well-known and ordinary folk—men, women and children from every nook in the 48 states have given—and are giving. Their towering generosity makes words of gratitude seem puny by comparison. You can take a heart full of vivid words and breathe poetry into them in an effort to express our feelings. But the most ringing eloquence would just add up to a simple and very sincere—thank you.

A Thanksgiving colyum would not be complete without a 4-star tribute to the wonderful people who make up show business. They donate talent, time and money to every worthy charity. And when war raged many gave their lives. As we have noted before: You never have to ask them for help—they ask to help you. They give their finest performances by their many acts of decency.

The United Nations rates a boost. Thus far, the architects of peace have little more than a hopeful blueprint. Nevertheless, the organization must not be judged by one man's Vishnyskying. Among its members are many men of intelligence and good-will. They are making a valiant attempt to attain global amity despite tremendous obstacles. Odds against their success mount daily, but still they continue to try to find a way out of the International maze—they deserve our thanks and support.

The work of America's scientists inspires bravos. They are responsible for much of the nation's progress in the past, and its revival depends upon them in the future. It is heartening to realize that the test-tubers who provide America's sinews and fight physical maladies are now emerging from the laboratories to warn and enlighten people about the perils we all face. They are now battling the most dangerous disease of all: The political maladies that infest the world with wars.

Save a bouquet of orchids for farmers, workers and businessmen. There are misfits among them. Leaders of other nations may sling epithets at our economic system. Trouble merchants within our borders are whizzing soap-boxes in its direction. Yet no one can deny the sweat and know-how of our industrial network played a star role in making this nation the richest, freest and strongest.

Letter to  
Mr Winchell  
11/28/47

- Mr. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
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- Miss Gandy

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Count among our blessings—the American Legion (and many other organizations of former fighting men) who are continuing to shoulder the burden for liberty long after they stopped shouldering a gun. They know freedom is not a gift—but a victory. They are aware the most we can do to preserve our way of life is the least. Make no mistake about it, those who risked their lives for democracy are also devoting their lives to protecting it.

Drop a thank-you note to John Edgar Hoover's FBI. Their vigilance is one of this democracy's mightiest weapons. Subversives who have crowded that our home front would be a soft touch for their stilettoing—have always had their arrogance shoved down their gullets, thanks to the G-men. There is never a truce in the FBI's battle against crime. And the G-men have never lost a war.

Prices are popping on the economic front. Gimme-brigades are still hitching rides on the gravy caboose. Only a fool would deny that many unruly economic problems must be tamed. Yet despite all the greed, chicanery and downright stupidity in high and low places—one heartening fact is clear: No other nation can match America's lofty standard of living.

Don't forget to save a hosanna for Sec'y Marshall's statesmanship. He has emerged from the rough and tumble of the political arena without a scratch on his shining reputation. And the plan he hatched ranks as the brightest beacon in a war-clouded planet. Those who may disagree with Marshall must admire his dignity and intelligence. And most vital—he even commands the respect of his foes.

The crepe-hangers are now out in full force. But before you wallow in pessimism—just look around and compare your life in America with what is happening in the rest of the world. That's a cinch to take you out of a rut, make you go down on your knees and thank God that you're lucky enough to be a Yankee Doodler. Count your blessings—and they add up to 48 stars.

You can fill colyums and books listing reasons why Americans should be thankful. But the best reason was written a long time ago by the men who wrote our Constitution. Yes, it's easy for an American to be thankful. As easy as USA.

No colyumist should allow a Thanksgiving to go by without saying thanks, thanques to the people whose support is responsible for everything he has accomplished—you!

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*cc*  
Mr. Walter Winchell  
Roney-Plaza Hotel  
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Walter:

*Commemoration*

I wanted to send you this note to tell you how much I appreciated your references to the work of the FBI in your Thanksgiving Day column "Notes of a Thankful American."

I am indeed grateful to you for your continued interest and support of our efforts to maintain the internal security of our nation.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO:

- Director
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- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy
- Personnel Files Section
- Records Section
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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Clyde Tolson

*To Hoover*

How about letting us have the truth, just once in a while. Please don't underestimate the American public.



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*I didn't say that. Soviet intelligence Dept's suspected it. One day before it was later revealed the USSR Radio said that the British had planted gems!!!*

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homes.

One million doses of anti-cholera vaccine have been placed at the disposal of the Egyptian Government, without charge, by the Soviet Government. An interesting commentary on the veracity of anti-Sovieters such as Walter Winchell who broadcast that the USSR had sent cholera germs to Egypt!

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 19, 1948

The attached was sent to the Director by Walter Winchell.

The notations on the attached read as follows:

"To Hoover

I didn't say that. I said Intelligence Depts. suspected it. One day before it was later revealed the USSR Radio said that the British had sent the germs!!!"

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Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
510 Trust Company Building  
New Haven, 10, Connecticut  
February 19, 1948

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AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (SI) OF  
DATE 2/24/48

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
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- Miss Gandy

Director,  
F. B. I.

DECLASSIFIED BY SP5 JWB/TC  
ON 8/5/84

Personal & Confidential

Attention: Security Division

# 228303  
(9/6/44 SP5 JWB/TC #227,987)

Re: POLL BEING CONDUCTED BY  
WALTER WINCHELL RE PRESIDENTIAL  
ASPIRANTS;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

On Sunday evening, 2-15-48 in his regular weekly broadcast, WALTER WINCHELL announced that he would conduct a poll for the purpose of determining sentiments of the people concerning presidential aspirants. He requested that listeners mail him postcards stating their choice for president.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*J. A. Gleason*  
J. A. GLEASON,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Edward A. Tamm  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

FEC:mb  
TO :

MR. NICHOLS

DATE: February 27, 1948

*WJ*

FROM :

M. A. JONES

SUBJECT: ARTICLE ON WALTER WINCHELL IN COLLIER'S  
FEBRUARY 28, 1948

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
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- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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There are no differences between the first paragraphs of the Collier's article and the material furnished. The second paragraph which begins at the top of page 88 varies substantially from the furnished text. In the first place, the phrase "according to the FBI" is inserted. Our text has the Director receiving a phone call. Collier's has him receiving a telegram. Our text stated it was from a key SAC who was submitting his resignation. Collier's says, "It was the resignation of his top deputy, Melvin Purvis." Our text has the Director considering the phone call a mere administrative detail and consented. Collier's has it, "Hoover was then somewhat naive about news, considering it merely an administrative detail, and consented."

Our text merely states, "The FBI captured Pretty Boy Floyd," and it is stated in our text that Winchell actually got the news from the press association ticklers. Collier's has Winchell telephoning the Director and asking if there was anything new. It has the Director saying, "Well, we shot Pretty Boy Floyd this morning."

Except for the slight variations pointed out, the article coincides with our text.

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James Derieux, Ellier's

The widespread belief that he has a pipeline into the Federal Bureau of Investigation through Director John Edgar Hoover -- whom Winchell once said should be President -- is based on a peculiar series of events. When the Lindbergh baby kidnapper was to be secretly picked up Winchell immediately learned that it was Bruno Hauptman. Knowing that he was sitting on the biggest news story of the time Winchell located Hoover, who was attending a meeting at New York police headquarters, and sent in a note urgently requesting an audience. Partly from curiosity Hoover stepped out. Winchell told him what he knew. Hoover explained why it was important to withhold the news twenty-four hours longer. Winchell agreed and won Hoover's respect as a "responsible journalist," and their friendship began.

*Red*  
At an annual police chief's convention in Atlantic City Hoover and Winchell were seated together when Hoover received a phone call. It was from a key Special Agent in Charge, who was submitting his resignation. Hoover told his friends and Winchell asked if he could use it. Hoover, considering it merely an administrative detail, consented. Winchell got a scoop that convinced rivals he had Hoover in his pocket. This seemed confirmed when the FBI captured Pretty Boy Floyd. But the information on the capture of that gangster was released late Sunday afternoon and Winchell just happened to be one of the first newscasters to go on the air thereafter. He got the story, just as he does most of the news he broadcasts, from the press association tickers.

Nor did Winchell get his extensive wartime information



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on Nazis from the FBI. In fact he started hounding the Nazis even before the FBI looked into them. The FBI got its greatly desired opportunity to conduct such an investigation only after the German ambassador made the mistake of lodging with the State Department a formal complaint concerning a conspiracy to assassinate Hitler. Stimulated by a desire to aid a then friendly power, the FBI investigated with a degree of enterprise and thoroughness that would have astonished the good ambassador had he known where his complaint would lead. Almost immediately the FBI knew more about Nazi activity in the U. S. than Winchell did, a position of superiority the agency managed to maintain.

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January 29, 1948

Mr. Louis Josephson  
132 Loras Street  
Bridgeport, Connecticut

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Dear Mr. Josephson:

Your statement to the effect that you are organizing a campaign for the presidency on my behalf, which appeared in the Detroit Free Press, on January 19, 1948, has been brought to my attention. Frankly, I have no interest whatsoever in the political field. I feel that I have a job to do here, and I am personally happy and content to have the privilege of serving in the capacity I have served for the past twenty-four years. I am convinced that my many friends who have entertained contrary ideas are merely letting their feelings carry them away.

I have, through the years, refrained from and, in fact, have studiously avoided, any connection with anything smacking of politics. In fact, I was born and reared in the District of Columbia and have never had the privilege of voting. While I appreciate your consideration, I just wanted to let you know that I have no interest along political lines.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: This individual wrote to Walter Winchell, who, in turn, forwarded it to the Director on November 23, 1947. At that time, a review of files failed to reflect any identifying information. Josephson described himself at that time as being Chairman of the J. Edgar Hoover for President Committee.

Walter Winchell

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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- Mr. Nease.....
- Miss Gandy.....

**Voice of  
the People**

I KNOW YOU will be interested to know that I am organizing a campaign for the presidency

FOR WHOM ARE YOU VOTING?



in behalf of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.  
**LOUIS JOSEPHSON.**  
Bridgeport, Conn.

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March 15, 1948

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

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Walter W. Washell

Dear Mr. Hoover,

My family and I have been greatly  
disturbed by the increasing panic and  
hysteria caused among so many of our friends  
by the wild and almost unaccountable remarks of  
Walter Winchell on his Sunday night radio  
programs.

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Do we not deny that this is a world situation  
extremely critical for us but at only a  
far better to read of conditions in the  
papers, or to listen to a few radio and

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and mode of delivery (to eliminate their  
intensity) before he has an entire country in  
a state of mental turmoil that may take  
a long time healing.

I should be most interested to hear  
of any comments you may make on my  
suggestion.

Very truly yours -

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter dated March 15, 1948, has been received and I want to express my appreciation to you for having written me as you did. While I would like to be of assistance to you, information in our files is confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have information in our files because of my failure to comply with your request. The thought occurred you might enjoy reading the enclosed material.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

Our Report of Menace of Communism

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NOTE: This woman wants Walter Winchell investigated and wants to know whether or not an investigation has been conducted by this Bureau concerning him.

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 18, 1948

The attached was received from  
Mr. Walter Winchell.

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
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Walter Winchell  
Jürgen's Station  
New York  
N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Winchell:  
Here's a fact about Tito, Friday marks  
a boy that came over from Yugoslavia visited  
out history class. This boy is 16, came over from  
Germany last December, and left his home country  
in 1943. During his discussion he remarked that  
Tito is dead or is a prisoner of the Russians and  
the Russians have substituted since 1943. The  
boy said that a woman of his village who was  
a personal friend of Tito and had visited her  
frequently and the last time he visited her she  
couldn't recognize his dialect of speech. This  
is all the proof I have

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is true OH! OH!  
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March 7, 1948

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Walter Winchell  
Jergen's Lotion  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Winchells:

Here's a fact about Tito. Friday, March 5, a boy that came over from Yugoslavia visited our history class. This boy is 16, came over from Germany last December, and left his home country in 1943. During his discussion he remarked that Tito is dead or is a prisoner of the Russians and the Russians have had a substitute since 1943. The boy said that a woman of his village who was a personal friend of Tito and had visited her frequently and the last time he visited her she couldn't recognize his dialect of speech. This is all the proof I have.

Yours truly, and if this  
is true OH! OH!

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March 26, 1948

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Dear Walter:

I thought you might be interested in the following excerpt from the Congressional Record of March 25, quoting Congressman Camp, of Georgia:

*A. Sidney*

"MESSAGE OF WALTER WINCHELL

MR. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, the message of the noted commentator, Walter Winchell, delivered over the radio last Sunday night to his vast audience, I think is quite the best statement of the position of our people in our affairs with Russia that I have either heard or read, and I wish that every American citizen could have heard it. I was delighted that the distinguished Senator from Washington (Mr. Magnuson) obtained leave to insert the remarks in the Appendix of the Record. I hope that any person who did not hear Mr. Winchell will take the time to turn to pages 11818 and 11819, Appendix of the Congressional Record of Monday, March 22, 1948, and carefully read this magnificent statement. I further wish that notice of these remarks will be taken by the State Department and that they be rebroadcast over the Voice of America into every country on the globe.

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You will recall that he talked to Congressman Camp on evening at Harvey's.

With kind regards

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