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### THE WHITE HOUSE MEMORANDUM Washington September 26, 1968 : Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI Subject's Name Arnold Forster - Summary Date of The Subject of Forster - Summary Date of Birth June 25, 1912 Place of Birth New York, New York Present Address 79 Wykagyl Terrace, New Rochelle, New York MILDRED STEGALL has requested; Copy of Previous Report Name Check Full Field Investigation The person named above is being considered for: White House staff posi-Presidential appointment Position with another Agency TE OCT 7 1968 ATTACHMENTS: THE CENTRAL FILES OF THE FBI REVEAL NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION IDENTIFIED WASH THE SUBJECT OF THIS REQUEST. PG - 3 - 6 & SF 86 (in duplicate) SF 87, Fingerprint Card ILES OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION OF THE Biography FBI CONTAIN NO ARREST RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH SUBJECT OF THIS REQUEST BASED ON DATA REMARKS: SUBMITTED.

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April 16, 1958

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Mr. Arnold Forster EX. - 123 Anti - Defamation League of B'nai B'rith 515 Madison Avenue New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Forster:

It was a pleasure to receive your kind letter of April 9, 1958, commenting so generously on "Masters of Deceit." I am grateful for your congratulations, and your thoughtful remarks are indeed encouraging.

Sincerely yours, We Edgar Hoover MENERAL REPORTED FBS: abs (4)

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I did not want to write to you about "Masters of Deceit" until after I had read it carefully and thoroughly. I have done this.

May I say that it is a magnificent document which once again should make all Americans proud of their wisdom in placing and keeping you in a most strategic position in American life.

My heartiest congratulations, best wishes and gratitude.

Arnold Forster

Sincerely

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Rebulet, 2/6/57, captioned "Arnold Forster, Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith (ADL) Research (Crime Records)" and NYlet, 2/19/57, which advised that documents had been secured from ARNOLD FORSTER and JACK BAKER of the Research Section of the ADL which documents relate to the captioned committee.

Englosed herewith are two Photostats of the following documents secured on 2/14/57, from Mr. ARNOID PORSTER, ADL. and Mr. JACK BAKER, Research Section ADL:

#### Press Releases (Dated)

"Questioning of Rosenberg-Sobell Trial Mounts as

Wexley Book Gains Recognition" (3 pages) 2/14/56.
2. "Prosecution Charged With Knowing Use of Perjury in Legal Motion Asking Release of Morton Sobell" (3 pages) 5/8/56. 3. "Columnist in Madison Capitol-Times" Urges New Trial for Morton Sobell" 8/2/56.

"Senator Langer Asks Justice for Morton Sobell" 1

September, 1956.

5. "Appeals Court Asked to Free Morton Sobell Because of Fraud by Prosecutors" 12/12/56.

"Film Strips Available on Morton Sobell Case" January, 1957, accompanied by letter January, 1957.

#### B. Press Releases (Undated)

"Vancouver Columnist Lauds Wexley's Rosenberg-Sobell Book" (2 pages) "New Pamphlet Gives Facts in Case of Morton Sobell" with pamphlet "The Scientist in Alcatraz"

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"Eminent Americans Ask Pres. Eisenhower to Recommend New Trial for Morton Sobell or Release Rim from Prison" released by Mrs. MORTON SONELL with an attached list of signers (dated 5/11-year not shown).

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5. Reprint "Mount Dors 'Popic' July 19, 1956".

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a. Appeal to President Eisenhowerb. List of signers of appeal.

#### D. Miscellaneous

Morton Sobell dated 10/10/53.

2. Leaflet "The Lord Russell Debate on the Case of Morton Sobell".

3. Leaflet "Atomic Scientist Asks Justice for Morton Sobell".

4. Leaflet "The Rosenberg-Sobell Case, an Analysis by Stephen Love, Professor of Law, Northwestern University".

5. Reprint of book review "Shaky Evidence" from the St. Louis "Post Dispatch" dated 7/13/56.
6. Newspaper dated November, 1956 "Norton Sobell Prisoner on Our Conscience".
7. Reprint of "The Minnesota Daily" entitled "Helen Sobell Wins Right to Speak at Minnesota U."

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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MR. ARNOLD FORSTER

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH

RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Mr. ARNOLD FORSTER, Civil Rights Division, Anti-Defamation League, 515 Madison Avenue, NYC and Mr. JACK BAKER, Research Section of the Civil Rights Division of the ADL, furnished this office on 2/14/57 copies of routine press releases from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS). Mr. BAKER made available the files of the ADL Research Section which contained an accumulation of "Press Releases" from the above committee as well as copies of pamphlets and booklets furnished the ADL by the above committee.

Information as contained in these press releases, booklets and pamphlets has been furnished the Bureau previously or is being furnished in current reports and consists mainly of restatements of quotations from prominent individuals concerning the committee's claims, reprints of book reviews appearing in papers of books sponsored by the committee, quotations from briefs being submitted to the courts by attorneys hired by the committee in support of their petition for a new trial, press releases announcing plans for proposed court action and/or releases of plans for meetings or dinners organized to raise funds.

Photostats of press releases issued since June, 1956 will be forwarded under the caption CSJMS, IS-C, ISA of 1950.

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# Fort Probe Held Biased

#### Anti-Semitism Is Seep Behind Charges at Monmouth

Arnold Forster, chief counsel for the Anti-Defamation League, charged last night that "rampant anti-Semitism" was behind the accusations made against employees at Fort Monmouth in the last few months.

Forster said that the league had made a thorough investigation of the charges and had made a report to Army Secretary Stevens concerning "a person with a strategic position at the fort in respect to the charges."

Forster spoke before 300 persons at the annual William M. Untermann memorial dinner of the William M. Untermann Lodge of B'nai Brith, the national organization with which the league is affiliated. The dinner was at Essex House.

#### None Used Shield

Forster said that not one of the 35 persons investigated at the fort had refused to answer any questions nor had invoked the Fifth Amendment. He said that 33 of the 35 were Jews. He pointed out that as fast as investigations have been completed on particular individuals they have all thus far been reinstated.

"The 350,000 decent anti-Communist Americans in B'nai Brith," he said, 'will not tolerate the destruction of democracy or the violation of civil rights in this country. We made a thorough investigation of the Fort Monmouth situation before we reached our conclusions. The single, most important problem for America today is the preservation of our civil liberties. As Americans we want to take our part in that fight.

"Minorities in this country and our civil liberties can be destroyed only by false rumor and wicked hearsay. There are men today who are substituting accusation for evidence. This is an illness—not just the work of one man—which starts in the gutter and goes to the very top."

#### Accusations on Film

Forster said that Mrs. Henry D. Strack and William H. Smullen had both made "false accusations that the Anti-Defamation League had distributed a Communist" film. He said that "when the good people of New Jersey were apprised of the real facts they showed their good sense and innate decency by rejecting the absurd accusations."

Mrs. Strack, of Locust, was the speaker at a recent DAR meeting in Trenton. Smullen, of East Orange, is the president of the Anti-Communist League of New Jersey. The film involved was "The High Wall."

The speaker is the author of several books on anti-democratic agitators in America, including "The Measure of Freedom," and "Troublemakers."

Other speakers included John J. Untermann, toastmaster, Ben Unterman, president of the lodge, and Aaron Sobel, dinner chairMr. Tolson Mr. Boardman Mr. Nichols. Mr. Belmont Mr. Glavin ... Mr. H .50 \_\_ Mr. Rosen. r. Tamm. Mr. Tracy\_ Mr. Mohr .... Mr. Winterrowd\_ Tele. Room \_\_\_ Mr. Hollaman. Miss Gandy.

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Books:

# Measure of Freedom,' Report Dn Anti-Semitism in America

By Art Shields

Hate-the-Jews propaganda financed here by the same kind of war profiteers, who paid the bills for Hitler's merchants of hate.

A MEASURE OF FREEDOM, an Anti-Defamation League Report by Arnold Forster, \$2.50. Doubleday, New York.

The duPonts on the Delaware are emulating the Farben magnates on the Rhine. And Little Steel kings are following the example of the religious lines.

groups in the early 1930s. And letter."

Arnold Forster's A Measure for DuPo

rise. His contributors' list reads like a "Who's Who in industry," reports Forster. His backers in 1948 and is reported to be clude American Car and Foundry Co., Sears Roebuck, Union Gas and Carbon (an atombomb profiteer), Remington Rand, American Rolling Mill, Atchison, Topeka & Council for American Education Santa Fe Railroad, and such Wall two years ago. Street figures as J. Howard Pew, Joe Kamp, Sun Oil king, and George Mont-gomery, law partner of Rep. buster, dines with Hart and the frederic R. Coudert.

"One wonders how much stock-

THE duPONTS have drunk lic Steel, who distributes his deep of the cup of hate their pamphlets by the thousands.

mercenary Hart passes out. The THE DATA on fascist financing following letter from 74-year-old is the best part of A Measure for



you a good, fighting letter, point- and offices than he devotes to anti-The duPonts began expressing ing out what the basic underlying Semitism in yachting. their anti-Semitism in dollars at about the time that Hitler became head of the German state. The U.S. Senate Lebby Committee the U.S. Senate Lebby Committee the Committee that the character of the Committee that the Committee that the character of the Committee that the Committee t reported that the chemical trust government. I should like to have family was subsidizing many hate you send me 20 copies of this jimcrowing of millions of Negro

Freedom finds that Irenee and several other hate groups by Hart, job on discrimination against lews Lammot LiPont (who also helped pay Karl E. Mundt's campaign bills), gave more than \$90,000 \$30,000 from Hart for baiting to Merwin Ka Hart, professional Communists and minority groups disseminator of anti-Semitic and over the radio from February, anti-democracy poison, in the last several years.

Hate merchant Hart took in \$140,000 last year—a 15 percent \$140,000 last year—a 15 percent \$150,000 last year.

Joe Kamp, professional antiduPonts on occasion.

Kamp is also backed by Frank holders know about the use of their money?" asks Forster.

E. Lee of Lee Hats, and by president Charles M. White of Republications of their money?

Freedom, although Forster himself fails to link anti-Semitism and the drive for fascism together. The Anti-Defamation League, which gathered the data, seems afraid to point out the political objectives of the hate-mongers. And Forster complacently refers to the prejucomplacently refers to the prejudices, that he studies, as mere "blemishes which disfigure an otherwise healthy body politic." A "body politic" in the grip of fascist-minded monopolists cannot be regarded as "healthy."

Forster is weakest in dealing with the aspects of fascist prepaowners of the United Steel Works Irenee duPont to Hart speaks for dice that affect the masses most of Germany in supporting the fascist mercenaries, who seek to divide the people on racial and duPont last year, "I received from and Negroes from many factories to divide the people of racial and duPont last year, "I received from and Negroes from many factories to anti-

He gives little attention to the children in public schools, while DuPont money is channeled to doing an excellently documented

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This is a clipping from Page \_\_//\_\_\_ of the Daily Worker

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He takes too comfortable an athitude towards the Ku Klux Klan, which he alleges is "shriveling" up. And he briefly passes off the underlying white supremacy movement in the South as something deplorable but "traditional."

He does a real service in listing 57 hate organizations, 49 hate periodicals and 47 hate books and pamphlets in the field in 1949. But he ignores the major hate role of such anti-Semitic organizations as the Catholic War Veterans. And he leaves out such journals as The Tablet, official organ of the Roman Catholic diocese of Brooklyn. The Tablet has followed the anti-Jewish line of Father Coughlin too often to be omitted.

One can cheer the much valuable data between these two covers, however. And anti-fascists can also OK his findings (a result of poll-taking) that young people, poor people and Negroes, are least affected by the anti-Semitic virus.

Mr. Herman Edelsberg Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith 1003 K Street, N.W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Herman:

Thanks a lot for sending me Arnold Foster's "A Measure of Freedom." I am looking forward to reading this.

I also appreciated your sending me the clipping on the reorganization of the news agency. Your note was interesting.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

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# Office Memorandum • United States Government

REW:mb

MR. NICHOLS

DATE: February 3, 1950

FROM

M. A. JONES

SUBJECT:

ARNOLD FORSTER, aka ARNOLD TASTENBERG

#### PURPOSE:

The Walter Winchell column "In New York" published in the New York Mirror, January 31, 1950, stated that "A Measure of Freedom" a new book by Arnold Forster would soon be published by Doubleday and would be on the bookstands the last week in March. Winchell said; "Get ready for another Day 'Under Cover' best seller." | The Director commented: "What do we know of the author Arnold Forster?"

#### II. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Aprold Forster was born Arnold Fastenberg on June 25, 1912, at New York City, the son of Hyman Fastenberg, father, and Dorothy Turits Fastenberg, mother. Both parents were born in the United States. He attended Bronx elementary schools and was graduated from Dewitt Clinton High School in New York City in 1930. Thereafter followed training at the College of the City of New York and at Saint John's University, New York City, from which institution he was graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1935. During college days he was employed as lifeguard, actor and concessions elerk and after graduation from law school as a law elerk for three New York City firms. He was admitted to the Bar in New York City on December 15, 1936, and in 1937 was a member of the New York County Lawyers' Association, the Parity Club, Inc., and in 1939 was a member of the Junior Guild, Inc., in New York Scity. He has variously resided at 66 Fort Washington Avenue, New York City and 1881 Morris Avenue, New York City. In September, 1937, he opened his own law office at 270 Broadway, New York City. He is believed to be married.

Between July 2, 1937 and August 23, 1939, by order of the City Court of the City of New York, the name "Arnold Fastenberg" was changed to Arnold Forster.

Arnold Forster is currently National Director of the Civil Rights Division of the Anti-Defamation League of B nai B'rith, 212 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

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He is believed to have become connected with the Anti-Defamation League (hereafter referred to as ADL) in about 1940 when he was employed as an "undercover" agent for this group. He thereafter was promoted through the ranks to head its Legal Division and its Fact-finding Division.

#### II. BUREAU CONTACT WITH FORSTER:

By application dated July 2, 1937, and September 6, 1939, Forster applied for a position as Special Agent in this Bureau. Each time the recommendation was unfavorable, once by Special Agent T. J. Donegan and Special Agent George A. Stevens, both of the New York Office. The principal reason for the unfavorable recommendation was that he dressed poorly, did not appear resourceful, would probably not develop, and was not mentally alert.

The Bureau's last communication with Forster was on December 26, 1939, at which time he was advised he failed to attain a satisfactory rating in the re-examination "afforded you on October 18, 1939." It was stated his application could not receive further consideration. (67-74154)

Forster has on several occasions visited the Bureau in connection with ADL matters and has generally been in the company of Maurice Bisgyer, Executive Director of B'nai B'rith; Richard Gunstadt, Director of ADL and Rabbi Paul Richman, then Washington representative of ADL. In most instances, he either talked with Mr. McGuire or Assistant Director Nickols. His most recent contact with a Bureau representative seems to have been in 1946.

Bureau files reflect that beginning in about 1941 Forster supplied the New York Office by personal visit and by telephone call with a great deal of information concerning Bureau cases involving the Registration Act matters, sedition, and the general run of Internal Security-G cases.

Paul Richman talked with Assistant Director Nichols on May 11, 1943, stating that Forster attempted to enlist in the Coast Guard but was refused. Forster, said Richmand, believed he had been discriminated against by reason of the fact he is Jewish.

Mr. Nichols in his memorandum pointed out that Forster had frequently been referred to by Frank Prince and has sent

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material to Prince at various times. Prince, of course, attempted at various times to have the Director removed and at that time was no friend of the Bureau. (67-74154-13)

#### III. THE ALEKSY PELYPENKO MATTER:

On January 21, 1946, the Boston Office advised that an informant of that Office, during an interview with Albert Eugene Kahn, learned that George Seldes, editor of "In Fact," Michael G. Sayers and Frederick Reyler had obtained documentary evidence to the effect that Father Charles E. Coughlin had been a paid German agent.

This information was to be broadcast by Walter Winchell and Pearson in mid February, 1946. It was also said that Kahn and others planned to use this information as a basis for a "smear campaign" against the Director and the FBI.

It was known by this Bureau that the "documentary evidence" consisted of an affidavit executed September 29, 1942, by Aleksy Pelypenko, a former paid informant of the Bureau in 1941.

Pelypenko was known to be unreliable but he had executed the statement in the presence of Arnold Forster who in turn paid him \$300 for its execution.

For ster first entered into the Pelypenko affair when on October 7, 1942, he and his employers came to the Bureau and presented a carbon copy of this sworn statement, stating that the original was retained by ADI. The statement was more detailed than information Pelypenko had given the Bureau.

Attempts were made by the Bureau through Forster on October 26, 1942, until February 24, 1943, to secure the original and all copies of this affidavit. On February 24, 1943, Forster made available to the Bureau what he contended was the last remaining copy. It is known he did not deal fairly with the Bureau because Kahn also possessed a copy of the affidavit or so it is believed. It was finally learned that O. John Rogge, then Special Assistant to the Attorney General, had a copy in the

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Department of Justice which he had received directly or indirectly from Forster. Mr. Ladd concluded that the "ADL lied in its dealings with the Bureau." (65-56402-424; 100-74021-70X and 100-16018-147)

The smear campaign referred to above did materalize to some extent when in the February 11, 1946, issue of "In Fact" an article captioned "The Coughlin Document" by Albert E. Kahn appeared. The document was said to have been suppressed by the Justice Department. Kahn stated with reference to how he obtained the document only that "there has come into my hands an affidavit...." He said also that "I am reliably informed" the same affidavit was in the possession of the Justice Department. The FBI was not named except indirectly.

Winchell did mention the "document" on his February 24, 1946, broadcast but said nothing about the FBI. (100-74021-71)

Winchell had also given much endorsement to "Sabotage" and promised to publicize "The Great Conspiracy." Kahn claimed a close association with Winchell but on February 7, 1946, he advised an informant Winchell had "cooled off" and could not be reached. (100-74021-83)

It is believed that Kahn was instrumental in making the document available to George Seldes for printing in "In Fact." (100-74021-75)

It should be observed, however, in fairness to Forster who stated he had given the Bureau all copies of this document (which he obviously had not done) that when requested to supply the Bureau with it and all copies he said he learned Pelypenko had attempted to sell it to "PM" newspaper where he left it one hour. It might have been photostated during that time and later made available to Kahn by "PM" rather than Forster. (100-16018-177)

#### IV. RUMOR THAT ADL INVESTIGATES FOR THE FBI:

On November 25, 1942, Assistant Director Nichols conferred with Messrs. Bisgyer, Gunstadt and Richman, referred to above. Mr. Nichols pointed out that the Bureau received information that

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ADL had "reported having made 370 investigations for the Bureau."

No determination was ever made as to how this rumor started although the statement was first made by Jacob Spolansky, former FBI Agent and then connected with the American-Jewish Committee, an enemy of the ADL. During the conference referred to, it was said that an informant of known reliability reported that John Metcalfe and Frank J. Prince, both directly or indirectly associated with ADL, discussed on December 12, 1942, the fact that "Forster possessed a list of approximately 240 'incidents' in which inquiries had been made by the Washington agency (possibly referring to the FBI)..." (100-14607-89 and 100-530-78)

#### V. THE PRESS CARD AFFAIR:

"Robert M." is a former Bureau paid informant on German matters whose services were discontinued March 21, 1943, when it was determined that he was not only working for the Bureau but was also furnishing information to British Intelligence and other sources. (61-7566)

Robert M. advised on November 11, 1941, that at an American First Committee rally in Madison Square Garden, October 31, 1941, at which Wheeler and Lindberg spoke, commotion took place. The trouble occurred when a photographer and Arnold Forster behaved in a provocative manner toward American First sympathizers. Robert M. had previously met Forster when the latter, while attending the Fritz Kuhn trial in November, 1939, had told Robert M. he was an undercover man for ADL while practicing law at 270 Broadway.

The New York City police on the above occasion questioned Forster and the photographer about the commotion. Forster became abusive with Detective Stanley Quasdo and admitted he had given a New York Post "desk spare" police reporter's card to the photographer, one Michael Daniel Caputo. This card, used illegally by Caputo, was made out in the name of Gary Finle, then City Editor of the Post. Forster did not say how he obtained the card which was confiscated by the police and given eventually to the chairman of the Mayor's (NYC) Committee on Press Cards.

The informant said he learned from Irving Rothberg, alias Richard Rollins, that Forster was a cousin of Rothberg and was an

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undercover liaison man to "The Hour," for the ADL which did not want to be openly connected with a propaganda organ which was Communist run."

Robert M. said that Winchell's column on November 3, 1941, stated: "That's going to be quite a shake-up in the Alien Squad of the Police Department after the election...because so many are not so Americanishy...." Robert M. said he learned definitely the item was planted by Rothberg and Forster. Rothberg had been in trouble before with the Alien Squad and had been questioned by the same detective who questioned and detained Forster. Rose Bigman, Winchell's secretary, said Robert M. admitted to him that the above item had originated in the ADL. On October 31, 1941, the ADL, said Robert M., "brought tremendous pressure to bear on Commissioner Seery and the Mayor's Committee on Press Cards to drop the Forster incident of the preceeding night."

Robert M. was called by Rothberg and asked to "get Forster out of this jam." This Robert M. refused to do he said.

It was then learned by the New York Police Department that Hyman Goldberg, Post reporter, obtained the card for Forster by stealing it from a Post city desk drawer. Goldberg, said the informant, is described in the New York City Police files as a Communist and as married to the daughter of an official of Amtorg.

It is not known what action if any was taken against Forster for the unauthorized use of this press card. (61-7566-3191)

#### VI. MISCELLANEOUS:

The surname Fastenberg, according to a confidential informant of the Chicago Office, appears on a list of suspected Communist Party members in the New York area. It is quite probable that this Fastenberg is the surname of a woman secretary to an official of the Amtorg Trading Corporation. (61-5381-663X2, 1221 page 109 and Fish Committee Reports (144 page 107))

Arnold Forster, according to a special report of MID, the War Department, is a personal acquaintance of one Bernard Fliegel,

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former outstanding basketball player of the 1937 - 1938 basketball season of the greater New York area. The report says investigation determined that Fliegel is a Communist. Basis for MID's conclusion concerning the Forster - Fliegel relationship is a letter Forster wrote in a personal and friendly vein to "Bernie" (Fliegel) postmarked November 20, 1943. Fliegel is known to have written a letter to the Daily Worker which was reprinted in the November 21, 1942, issue of that paper. The Daily Worker commented: "We agree with the letter in full." (100-222386-6; 100-261703)

By letter dated February 17, 1942, Forster advised an Agent of the New York office that "DockRieper," one time member of the Christian Mobilizers and a close friend of Joe McWilliams, had been spending time with some gangsters "who intend to kill Walter Winchell." Forster stated that "for the sake of thoroughness, I advise you of his recent malevolence." This information was also furnished to the New York City Police. (100-79198)

In September, 1946, Arnold Forster was listed as director of "The Facts," a monthly publication of the ADL. Its contents, prepared by ADL's Fact-finding Department of which Forster was then head, related to anti-Semitic "matters, hate and religion," etc. (94-37102-2)

A reliable informant of the Intelligence Division, Second Service Command, New York, advised on July 26, 1942, that Marshall Field depends on the ADL and Arnold Forster and actually has confidence in them. (100-12472-13)

A publication known as "Anti-Semitism in the United States in 1947" was apparently widely circulated after its preparation by Arnold Forster and the staff of the Civil Rights Division of the ADL.

It will be observed that the Winchell Column of January 31, 1950, mentions that exposes in "A Measure of Freedom" will be made of Joseph P. Kamp, Merwin K. Hart and others.

In connection with the investigation entitled "Constitutional Educational League, Inc., Joseph Peter Kamp, etal; Internal Security (G); Registration Act," Arnold Forster and others connected with the

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ADL several times supplied information to the Bureau on Kamp, his secretary Reginar Cannon and others. At this time Forster was Chief Investigator of the ADL and had, according to the file, gathered considerable information on Kamp and his activities. (61-10355-305,434)

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# Walter Winchell

# In New York

Memos to the Editor

Get ready for another "Under Cover" best-seller. The title: "A Measure of Freedom." The author: Arnold Forster...It has 9 pages of documented dynamite on Gerald L. K. Smith...Eleven pages of ditto on Joseph P. Kamp, who was given a jail term after being cited by Congress (more than a year ago) but nuttin hoppen!... Who's his gold-braid pal in the White House? The one with whom he swaps letters? (of course!)...This new book has 8 pages of documented atomic energy on Upton Close. It has 20 pages of hydrogen bombs exposing Merwin K. Hart, and nearly 100 additional pages on 20 other targets of this column. "A Measure of Freedom" will be in the book stores last week in March. Doubleday is publisher...I will mention it loud every Sunday at 9.

There is something new coming up in April called Dianetics. A new science which works with the invariability of physical science in the field of the human mind. From all indications it will prove to be as revolutionary for humanity as the first caveman's discovery and utilization of fire.

Remember all the denials by Keats Speed (and the N. Y. Sun execs) when it was first reported (here) that the Sun was to be peddled? Well, Editor & Publisher's leading essay headlines the sale: "Deal Early in '49; Secret Guarded"...The story adds: "It is a fact—now it can be told—that the World-Telegram's purchase of the Sun was ready for closing early in Dec." And Sun staffer I. Kolodin's piece on the eclipse (in The Sat. Review of Literature) reports "sale rumors were always attributed to the malice of Winchell"...Sun exec E. S. Friendly, the rumors say, will join the Times.

Good story for our Albany correspondent, if got: Does Gov. Dewey know you can place a bet in almost any cigar store, lunch conette or corner candy shop in Albany as openly as you can buy a pack of cigs? Pads are openly displayed for bettors' convenience, according to Upstate readers.

From the Washington Times-Herald (By G. Dillard Gunn): "The audience rose and applauded when the Presidential party entered, but conductor Mitchell omitted the National Anthem to the relief of everyone including Mr. Truman, who must be getting tired of it."

We doubt that the President is tired of it. But if that music critic is—there are Other Places He Can Jolly Well Go...We can recall ten years ago when the Washington Times-Herald acted as though it not only hated The Star Spangled Banner—but had never heard it played.

Life's editorialist declares the Alsop freres rate a Pulitzer Prize, which we second happily. For their colyuming and the portion of an Alsop pillar the mag quotes, wherein they warn about "the ghost of a future war now haunting the world"...When Your N. Y. Correspondent warned about the same thing most Washington writers poo-pooh'd the "irresponsible reporting," and Life was among the many which called us an alarmist. Hymmm.

Very interesting item in the mail this morning: "The high profit boys are actually legalized counterfeiters of the currency. They make our dollar practically valueless and the irony of it—is that they are depreciating their own money!"...I said (on the air) Mayor O'Dwyer's intimates hear he probably will resign about Sept. 1st. I saw him the other day and was amazed at his appearance. No wrinkles, no lines, no flabbiness whatever. Terrific tan and a glint in his orbs. Very happy bridegroom. Why he wants to be Mayor of New York and die too soon is something I can't riddle.

Many anonymous letters are arriving at Communist H'quarters in N. Y. "exposing" perfectly good Party Members as FBI plants. And the Red Bigwigs are so jittery over the G-Men's terrific work in infiltrating the Red apparatus (remember H. Philbrick of Mass., and Angela Colomiris in the trial of the Eleven?) they're taking these spoofs seriously and kicking out the suspected right and left.

Life insurance investigators now try to find out whether applicants for policies are commolas. Their explanation: The insurance firms claim Communists have shorter life expectancies than non-Coms. The firms say attendance at Communist meetings and marching in picket lines "are risks to life and limb."

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Director, FBI (100-388202)

October 10, 1952

SAC, Detroit (100-20927)

CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, aka, Americans Against Communism INTERNAL SECURITY - X RD 4013Z

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Rebulet to Detroit dated March 4, 1952.

#### I. ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

The records of the Wayne County Circuit Court Office, County Building, Detroit, Michigan, show that on October 1, 1951 the document entitled "Articles of Incorporation" of the Christian Anti-Defamation League was filed with the Michigan Corporation and Security Commission. The organization was incorporated as a non-profit religious organization with headquarters at 2111 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, Post Office Box 1116, Detroit, Michigan. The Articles of Incorporation stated that the organization would be financed by contributions, bequests, sale of printed matter, and subscriptions to any periodicals they may start.

#### II. SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

Confidential Detroit Informants, who would logically have knowledge of any subversive plan against affiliation or activities on the part of subject organization, advised that they are not familiar with subject organization.

#### III. OFFICERS

The Articles of Incorporation of subject organization listed the following as the board of directors and incorporators:

J. TIDESWELL, no address listed. V. JONES, no address listed. M. HAVEGON, no address listed.

Reverend Doctor LAWRENCE REILLY, 715 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan.

Doctor REILLY is listed as the "resident Agent" of Subject organization.

The Detroit Office has no record identifiable with either TIDESWELL,

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#### DOCTOR LAWRENCE REILLY

August 28, 1946:

By report dated August 28, 1946 Confidential Informant BA-2 advised that the Lutheran Research Society headed by LAWRENCE REILLY was engaged in research work and was writing a book on the subject of Communism.

October 26, 1949:

By letter dated October 26, 1949 LAWRENCE REILLY, Director, Lutheran Research Society, Incorporated, 751 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, informed the Director of the FBI that on October 25 and 26, 1949 he, REILLY, was contacted by an individual identifying himself as Mr. VICTOR who "was bitterly anti-Jewish, and eager to use force and violence, if necessary, to wrest control of the authority in the nation from the Jewish hands."

REILLY advised that this individual was soliciting his aid in attacking Communism. REILLY's letter states "I very plainly told him we were not interested in any plans which he proposed and that our policy of combating Communism was entirely the opposite of the methods which he would employ."

May 10, 1950:

On May 10, 1950 Doctor LAWRENCE REILLY corresponded with the Director, FBI, by letter which is in part as follows:

"Although there has been some delay in getting this to you, we finally have been able to arrange the necessary changes in the future edition of 'The Birth of A Science'. You will recall that we have been having a discussion of the references to the F.B.I. which are found in the first chapter of the book. We have had some correspondence on this in the past.

"I have done my best as a writer and investigator to ascertain the true facts which are described on pages 9 and 10 of 'The Birth of A Science' and it seems that there is a great conflict of opinion. As I have said before, I do not want anything to reflect against your organization or the work that your men are doing. Since I am convinced that the mention of the F.B.I. in the account that was given in our first printing is not essential to the telling of the events which happened in this book, I am omitting all reference to it and am enclosing a typed copy which is to be inserted in place of the book as it now stands."

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May 18, 1950:

On May 18, 1950 the Director, FBI, communicated with REILLY by letter which is in part as follows:

"Your letter dated May 10, 1950, with enclosure, has been received, and I wish to thank you for your action in taking steps to eliminate from future editions of your book 'The Birth of A Science', references to the FBI which appeared in the earlier edition.

"Since the book contained statements relating to the FBI which were totally erroneous, and since the FBI had no part in the activities related in the earlier edition, you can readily understand my interest in having the correction made."

#### IV. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

Article one of the Articles of Incorporation of subject organization is as follows:

#### MINPOSE

To do everything within its legal power to prevent the defamation of Our Lord and Savier, Jesus Christ, His visible Christian Church on earth and his followers; and to extol his name and the meral precepts which are to be found in His inspired Word, the Holy Bible; to prevent the abuse, discrimination, and persecution of Christians. Also, to uphold our Constitutional Republican form of Government as that most consistent with Christian concepts of individual freedom, and under which the free preaching of Christ's Gospel is best protected.

The Articles of Incorporation of subject organization stated that it contemplated a continued existence for thirty years.

Inasmuch as there is no indication of Communist control or affiliation of subject organization this case is being closed.



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SAC, Detroit

DATE: March 4, 1952

Director, FBI (100-388202)

SUBJECT:

CHRISTIAN ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUEY QXQ Americans Against Communism

Internal Security - X

The following information was furnished to the Bureau by military intelligence.

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