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Phoned to Mr Early - 8:30 am Dec 16-1934
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TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

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New York NY Dec 15th-1934.

Gen. "W"

Steve Early,

Important, The White House.

Dear Steve I have in my possession dynamite information which I will not show to anybody but the Boss. If you tell me to come Monday morning or afternoon and that this meeting can be arranged, I will do so, I broadcast Sunday nights and cant make it before then. It must be seen only by the President so closely does it concern one of his children and a conspiracy against the administration. I will be up about four PM today My home phone is Endicott two four four eight naught. I will be at Daily Mirror office about five oclock Murray Hill two six seven seven seven.

Winchell.

330 AM

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November 21st, 1942

My dear Commander-in-Chief:

This is to further report
on the last conversation we had--concerning that
Digest magazine's recent anti-Administration attitude.

I have checked the follow-
ing fact. Its newest editorial writer and advisor is
notoriously pro-Fascist, etc. His name: Paul Palmer, very
wealthy. He once was owner and publisher of The
American Mercury magazine. That, I think, explains every-
thing--particularly the reprinted blasts at Mrs. Roose-
velt (by Pegler) and others at you and the New Deal.

I report December 1st
for my tour of duty, sir. You have made me very happy.
Thanks, again!

Respectfully yours,

Walter Winchell

P.S. I told you its circulation was 7,700,000.
It now is 9,900,000.

To:

Will you give
this to the President?

If he wants to
do anything the time
is short.

J. M. Kew

Grace:

Don't I turn up in the
damndest places!

JHR

Department of Justice
Washington

February 12, 1943

JAMES ROWE, JR.
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT.

On Monday at 10:00 a.m. the Secretary of the Navy will appear before the Naval Affairs Committee to discuss the status of Walter Winchell.

I have sound reason to believe (although I cannot prove it) that this job has been engineered by certain persons in the Navy who have told certain Naval Affairs Congressmen that they did not want Winchell to go to South America but that it was done "on the specific request of the Commander in Chief".

(I think you should know that, according to certain Congressmen friendly to you, it is quite the fashion now to explain anything that goes wrong as being done at the request of the Commander in Chief. It is done in executive session, presumably under a secrecy rule. So they put the blame on you. According to the Congressmen, if you find out about it they believe you will do nothing to them and they are afraid of Congress. Your name is taken in vain quite often. Since my informants on the various committees are also under the secrecy rule, I cannot document this satisfactorily for you. If one man can have faith in others, I believe it to be true).

The purpose of this inquiry is to try to embarrass Winchell as much as possible and thus embarrass you. I have been informed there is a simple solution for this:

If you will send word to Vinson, the Chairman of the Committee, who takes your word on Naval matters, that you sent Winchell to South America on a confidential mission which you do not wish to disclose, Vinson who rules his Committee with an iron hand will make short shrift of this. Knox should be told to say the same thing in public to the Committee. Since the members of the Committee have already been told this by certain Naval Officers, it will not come as a great shock to them.

You should also point out to Vinson that this sort of thing does not do us any good in South America where Winchell has just been.

I give you this for your information, and also with the comment that with most of the press already against us, we might as well try to keep our friendly commentators.

Winchell has a tremendous following and does a real down to earth job of getting the people to follow the right foreign policy.

Knox goes to the Committee Monday morning at 10:00 a.m.



J+R
James Rowe, Jr.

*Miss Turner
for your files
K B*

*Gen. Cover "W"
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

PSF

February 17, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Congressman Vinson 'phoned the following message in connection with the Winchell case:

"Tell the President I had a conference with Admiral Jacobs, Lyndon Johnson, Commander Hauser, of the Judge Advocate's Office, and Winchell. We had about an hour and a half talk with Winchell and Admiral Jacobs said he would put him on inactive duty. Tell the President I will handle the battle from now on."

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E.M.W.
E.M.W.

MEMORANDUM

Gen. Counsel "N"
PSF 4-43

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To: W.W.
From: A.F.
Date: June 7, 1943
Subject:

*As a Tully
I think JWP ought
to know about
these men.
Requies
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Undoubtedly you saw in the May 31, 1943 issue of Time the item on Page 21 captioned "politics" which described a meeting at which Senator Nye spoke. This item reported the presence of Joe McWilliams (as also you reported it in your column). However, the Time item didn't present any detail with regard to the identity of the "smooth, stocky Chicago lawyer, William J. Grace" who, according to Time, engineered the meeting.

I am annexing hereto a short statement on William J. Grace-on his background, which may be of interest to you.

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WILLIAM J. GRACE

Grace, described as a smooth, stocky, solid, red-faced, Irish-American Chicago lawyer, is the chairman of an organization now called The Citizens' U.S.A. Committee" (formerly The Citizens' Keep America Out Of War Committee), and is reported to have engineered the meeting held in Chicago's Hotel Morrison the latter part of May, 1943 at which the rabble rousing Senator Gerald P. Nye keyed the New Isolationism.

This was the first big isolationist speech made by Nye since the afternoon of December 7, 1941 in Pittsburgh when he sweatily, stubbornly refused for hours to believe that the Japs had really attacked Pearl Harbor.

All the old familiar America First faces were present at this meeting, including the snickering little women who distribute anti-Semitic literature, the Coughlinites, the Patrick Henry Forumites, and the plump "We, the Mothers".

In all his glory, the ex-Yorkville Joe McWilliams, wearing a red, white and blue necktie, strutted about the room. This great profile of the American Soapbox is now the self appointed leader of the bonus army of World War #2.

Although it is reported that there were about a thousand of these individuals present, the Chicago Tribune raised the ante to two thousand.

Under the chairmanship of Grace, Nye belittled the United Nations' strategy, post-war planning, and all of the allied leaders, and stated that equally as important as the winning of the war was the complete overwhelming and smothering of the "Wilkie-Roosevelt-Carnegie Foundation" kind of leadership.

Grace's "Citizens' Keep America Out Of War Committee" sponsored an appeasement speech by Charles A. Lindbergh at Soldier Field, Chicago, in August, 1940.

With its name now shortened, Grace's organization is reported to be holding weekly meetings which draw from 300 to 500 persons. His audiences lustily boo the mention of England, Russia and President Roosevelt.

During the early part of 1942, these meetings conducted by Grace were really political rallies on behalf of all the former arch isolationists who were running for re-election. Congressman Stephen Day, a friend of Vierick, was a hero to the "Citizens' Committee". Although Day had been dropped from the regular Republican ticket because of his Vierick entanglements, the "Citizens' Committee" still continued to support him. While Social Justice was published, it was sold at these meetings.

William J. Grace was one of the supporters of Senator C. Wayland Brooks of Illinois whose record of opposition to so many of the important war measures prior to Pearl Harbor is certainly open to question. Senator Brooks repeatedly stated that America need have no fear of any form of invasion or attack.

Grace presided at a meeting of the "Citizens' Committee" in Chicago on January 15, 1943 at which Earl Southard, a power in Gerald L. K. Smith's America First Party, was the secretary. Grace introduced as the main speaker of the evening Gerald L. K. Smith, an anti-Semite who was once charged with subversive activity by the National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and who is the publisher of the Cross and the Flag, which listed as outstanding Americans: Charles E. Coughlin, Gerald Winrod and Elizabeth Dilling.

DeWitt M. Emery, one of the founders, and president of the National Small Businessmen's Association, described as an anti-New Deal, anti-British, anti-labor, red baiting, and anti-Semitic organization, was the principal speaker at a meeting of Captain William Grace's "Citizens' Committee" on December 18, 1942.

In March of this year, Carl Mote, as the principal speaker at a meeting of the "Citizens' Committee", made some strong anti-Semitic statements denouncing the "international bankers" as the descendants of the money changers of Biblical times.

To Grace Kelly

THE FIFTH COLUMN

BY

JOSEPH ROOS

(to appear in
Aufbau, New
York publi-
cation, June
11th issue)

Neighbors and acquaintances go far out of their way to comfort the relatives of boys in the service who have paid the supreme sacrifice or who were wounded or captured by the enemy. This is particularly the case in small towns. It is the American way. With justifiable pride, the countrytown newspapers tell the story of the native son who has performed his patriotic duty, and as customary, the names of relatives of the boy and their respective addresses are given. They receive cordial and sincere messages from friends, but many of them also receive in their mail messages of treason.

Like in pre-Pearl Harbor days, American taxpayers continue to pay the bill for the distribution through the United States mail of Axis propaganda material. It is being done with the blessing of Senator Gerald P. Nye, whose Congressional Mailing Franchise is still being used and exploited propagandistically by the enemies of our country.

The names and addresses of the relatives of soldiers, killed, captured or wounded by the enemy, given in the newspapers, provide the mailing list for the Trojan Horse Brigade, still operating within our borders.

In Los Angeles, a group of women, formerly associated with the "America First Committee, the "National Legion of Mothers and Women of America", and other groups which were either out and out pro-Nazi or isolationist, continue to agitate against America's participation in the war. They organized a group calling itself "The Informed Voters of America". Pretending to be interested solely in politics, their real aim is to criticize and obstruct the war effort. At their meeting

on March 9th, Mrs. Eliza Cole and Mrs. Frances Sherrill proposed that members purchase large quantities of reprints from the Congressional Record of a speech well-suited for their purpose. The members were to mail and distribute these reprints. There was no postage required because the reprints came in envelopes bearing Senator Nye's Congressional Mailing Franchise.

The suggestion of the two women was readily accepted as both enjoyed prestige among their members. Mrs. Cole has long been an ardent worker in behalf of Conscientious Objectors. Mrs. Sherrill was National president of the "National Legion of Mothers and Women of America" and made several cross-country trips in behalf of her group.

The speech inserted in the Congressional Record was delivered by former Representative Jeanette Rankin of Montana, the only member of Congress who voted against the declaration of war. It was entitled "Some Questions About Pearl Harbor". The Los Angeles women ordered 20,000 copies of the reprint from Senator Gerald P. Nye. They were mailed all over the country, many of them to relatives of servicemen, whose addresses were taken from the countrytown newspapers.

Mrs. Rankin's speech was originally delivered last December 8th, one year and one day after the attack on Pearl Harbor. In it she tried to show that war was deliberately forced upon Japan by President Roosevelt in accordance with an agreement between the President and Prime Minister Churchill made at the time of the Atlantic conference.

In her speech Mrs. Rankin queried:

"But exactly how was Japan to be embroiled with the United States? There is no better way of goading

a nation into war than by imposing economic sanctions--
Now an ultimatum is a demand accompanied by a threat.
In this case the punitive alternative to be offered
to Japan was to consist of an economic blockade--in
other words sanctions--an admitted provocation to war.
The requirement made on September 3rd, 1941, that Japan
accept the principle of the status quo in the Pacific,
apparently constituted the gist of the Roosevelt admin-
istration's demands. Was it not strange that Mr. Roose-
velt who, by refusing for years to enforce the neutrality
act of 1936 to prevent the shipment of war ~~materials~~ ^{supplies} ~~to~~ to
Japan had largely contributed to supplying that nation
with raw materials for armaments, should, when an incident
with Japan seem^{ed} to be desired, suddenly change his
policy? Astounding as the Pearl Harbor attack was to
the American public as a whole, if it was anticipated by
the administration why did the President permit our
forces at Pearl Harbor to be taken by surprise? Even
if a Japanese attack were desired, certainly no one
desired a successful attack. Do not the frequency,
urgency, the very wording of the warnings indicate in
themselves that the Pearl Harbor attack came as no
surprise whatever to the President?"

Alluding to an assertion in a magazine article, Mrs. Rankin states:

"If the account is true, did not the President at least
nine days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor,
without a declaration of war, authorize an identical
attack on the Japanese also without a declaration of war?"

After the first supply of 20,000 reprints was exhausted by the Los Angeles women, an order for several thousand more was sent to Senator Nye. Nye, however, turned the order over to Dr. Frederick J. Libby, head of "The National Council for Prevention of War". Libby has long been an idol of the isolationists. Recently, during the course of a nation-wide radio Forum, he stated broadly, "Yes, I favor a negotiated peace, for otherwise Stalin will win". Some of the literature of Libby's organization is being circulated on the Pacific Coast by Mrs. Cole. The most recent pamphlet issued by the organization is entitled "Slaves To Too Big An Army". The sub-titles are most revealing: "New York Times Questions Army Decision," "U.S. Leads in Scraping Barrel", "A Too-Big Army Will Force Total Conscription", "And Are We Willing To Be Slaves?"

The Rankin speech certainly pleased Leon de Aryan of San Diego, one of the 33 defendants now waiting trial in Washington on charges of undermining the morale of the armed forces. He reprinted the speech in the May 31st issue of his paper, "The Broom".

In the same issue, de Aryan writes about George Sylverster Viereck, the man who originated the use of the Congressional Mailing Franchise for Nazi purposes. He writes that Viereck "had to be convicted as an illegal propagandist at any price. The price was gross misconduct by William Powers Maloney and acquiescence to such misconduct by trial Judge Dickson Letts.

The women responsible for the mailing of the Rankin speech are quite worried at the present time, fearing an investigation by Government authorities, because their scheme was exposed by Fleetwood Lawton,

of Los Angeles, a well-known radio Commentator, broadcasting over
NBC.

NEW YORK MIRROR

DAILY AND SUNDAY

235 EAST 45TH STREET
MURRAY HILL 2-1000

January 24, 1944

From Walter Winchell's office.

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Gen
"W"

Vello Walter - Happy new year - Keep well - Joe - Laura

I thought you'd like to see this

Chicago Daily Tribune

THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

ST 1944 SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1944 - 30 PAGES THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO SECTIONS—SECTION C

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Plan; End Furloughs

SHIPS THAT PASS IN THE NIGHT

7,000 PLANES, 3,500 TANKS, 195,000 MOTOR VEHICLES SENT TO RUSSIA — Roosevelt report to Congress



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PST

Dear Mr. W.: In the course of battling with Lait to keep your Robert McCormick-Gail Patrick item intact, Lait wanted to bet me that McCormick within a year wouldn't marry the gal, etc. He knew because the Col. is four years older than Lait, they went to school together etc. I cited Victor Moore's May-December marriage. However, Lait said his orders were to absolutely lay off McCormick because he and Patterson are the heaviest buyers of newsprint, one in the regular field and the other in the tabloid. And they set the standards for all other papers for this reason. So if either of them took the cut in newsprint that they could afford to, it would mean wiping out the Mirror, because the Mirror couldn't survive this proportional cut. Lait said they could do this if they really wanted to put the heat on Hearst papers. Seems Hearst knows of this threat, and the order to lay off followed. Asked Lait if I could tell you and he said the order came straight from headquarters, but the deduction was his own. Kay

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Personal

 To Grace Tully: Tell FDR this is
 a most interesting "INSIDE" on the
 way McCormick worries Hearst!
 Walter

filed 1/29/44

To Grace Tully

THE SOUTH SIDE STYLE SHOPS

3345 SOUTH STATE STREET

CALUMET 5534

CHICAGO, 16 ILLINOIS

BLACK AND TAN CHAIN STORES OF AMERICA
AND
SOUTH SIDE REPUBLICAN CLUBS AND ITS MEMBERS
Capt. William J. Grace, Gov. Green, Senator Brooks and Rep
Stephen A Day and other noble Republicans of Chicago and
Illinois and elsewhere throughout the United States of America.

Jan. 3, 1944

I have before me newspaper clippings of Sen. Wheelers address and Col. Robert R. McCormicks say and Rep. Clare Booth Luces speech and many other notable Americans, and also Hitlers speech of January 1, 1944.

After considering these peoples say, I find it is incumbent on my part to say the greatest Crisis the World has ever known is facing the American people now. With the coming 1944 election, if there was ever a time that the American people should be Free its now.

I am asking the Republican Leaders great and small, to join the Property Owners, Tax Payers, Manufacturers and Dealers who have always been Free until this Democratic Administration caused the world's worst handicap.

There are always two sets of people to take part in Slavery, one the Actual Slave and the other is the Slaveholder.

The facts is the Wage Earner or Share Worker can never be slaveholders only through the Democratic Administration.

For this and many other causes I am asking the Republican Party as a whole to ask Congress to suspend war production with its many handicaps so the people may be Free for the coming 1944 Election.

Andrew J. Williams, District Mgr. South Side Republican Club

To Mr. Tully

THE SOUTHSIDE STYLE SHOPS

3345 South State Street -:- Chicago 16 Illinois
Telephone CALumet 5534

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THE SOUTHSIDE REPUBLICAN CLUB AND ITS MEMBERS

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

PSF

June 12, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

ADMIRAL BROWN:

Will you speak to me about this?

F.D.R.

Letter addressed to Walter Winchell from
J.D. Kiernan, 3130 Wisc. Ave., N.W., Wash.,
D.C., April 15, 1944 re report made to
Cong. Dies concerning Ernst Louis Knack,
formerly in charge of diplomatic pouches
and mail at U.S. Paris Embassy, and no
action from Dies on it.

Winchell Monday

Walter Winchell On Broadway

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Man About Town

Tyrone Power and Janet Gaynor have reached that familiar understanding. The reason: Irma Wilson of the Zanuck Zoo, formerly of the Paradise here... Toby Wing and Pilot Dick Merrill may announce their betrothal at Pittsburgh this week... Hurton Rascoe has succeeded Sinclair Lewis over at News-Week, while Lewis reads another play... The two columnists barred from the Elbow Room are Cholly Knickerbocker and Lucius Beebe, lucky stiff... Watch for a terrific shakeup in local Chinese political circles... Warner's has black-balled another March of Time newsreel (The forthcoming Nazi Conquest of Austria) arguing that it is propaganda, not entertainment... Pannie Brice has definitely decided to get it in Calif... Meaning that Billy (Rambling) Rose and Eleanor Holm will have to mark time for at least a year... You can safely wager that F. D. R. positively will not run in 1940... He is perfectly satisfied with his political heirs.

J. J. Shubert and Clifton Webb of "You Never Know" have phffft... The Guy Standing, Jr. (after six months of wedding bells), will have it annulled. Bernard Sandler is her atty... A taxi driver in town is giving "Ken" loads of "expose" material on the C. I. O... There's a Stork Club walter who actually dwells on Swanky Central Park West!... Ethel (Paradise) Somerville's Marquis Aurelio de Piscaro (an agent for Italy?) called on the Rex, but why didn't she wave him ta-ta?... And what lovely did?... That Mass. legislator Francis X. Coyne, whose bill (to make movie stars use their real names) was thrown out—changed his See page 553 of the Boston Directory for 1916 when he was listed—as Frank not Francis... That ex-showgirl who "took" a married society man for 25Gs to return his letters—has a brand new chump... It's a girl at the Lewis J. Nichols at Doctors' Hosp. He's dramatic editor for the New York Times.

The State Dep't is split over the Spanish Question. A. A. Berle is doing all he can for the Losers... Incidentally, they are exerting tremendous pressure to oust the State Dep't's "white spat boys," who, they insist, are sold on Fascism... Jimmy Durante's new ditty will put you in stitches: "Toccanini, Stokowski and Me!"... The Airlines receive millions in subsidies from Uncle Sam, but the flag at the Newark Airport is in tatters, while the Nazi flag at the World's Fair approach isn't... Joan English is back after melting from John Beal last Feb... Miss St. Louis of last year's Beauty Pageant at Atlantic City (her name is Juanita Bates) is now a Minsky gal at the Eltinge Theatre... Washington is still talking about the big egg that Glenn Frank laid at the Gridiron Dinner, and which F. D. R. fried.

The income taxers will soon announce the indictments of over 30 Atlantic City numbers racketeers... The Phil Bakers' fourth child is expected next month at E.V.'s Hosp... Priscilla Brock and Alexander Brock, kin, will wed in June... They spring from the Biddle clan... The swastika designs on the courtroom doors (of an across the river courthouse) have been blocked out by order of the Mayor after an item here... Edwina Atwell, one of the lovelier debs, and A. Corning Clark are breathless... Aaron Stein, the radio critic, is now Time's first ethereporter... It's a boy at the Oscar Roches of La Conga. Mother is the former Ziegfeldlight, Theresa Moreno... George W. Clarke, ex-City Editor of the Mirror, has gone into publicity. His first account is Kay Parsons. They were just divorced!

Bernice Roberts of the last Ziegfeld show, was secretly middle-aged last week to a rich manufacturer... The producer of the "Birth of a Baby" flicker, which has been condemned by priests and rabbis, was once a rabbi... An eve's gazette has an expose on Hitlerites and their backers... Mary Lou Bentley, a Casa Manana Venus from Texas, and Eddy Landry, of the Casa orchestra, are closer than a Princeton haircut... Rubye Zioncheck, the widow of that Congressman, and a wigmaker in town are ahem... She's changed her tag... John Carter, who won that Metopera award, is taking Earle Lewis' daughter places. Lewis is gen'l mgr. of the Met... It's a boy at the George (NBC) McElraths... The Great Man in the White House is planning a plea for world-wide political amnesty.

Major Rollin Dart is returning to Spain because a Park Avenue divorcee changed her mind. She's the granddaughter of a former Gov. of Minnesota... Narcissa Swift is in Bermuda trying to forget a young man about town... Ed. Flynn of Pictorial Review has been in the hospital for a month with a broken back because a big shot in the drug industry thought it amusing to pull the chair from under his victims... Apparently the New York censors don't understand French. Otherwise how did they let those lines in "Mayerling" pass? When Boyer says: "I can love as many women as I want"... He doesn't say "love"—as the sub-title states... A famous woman's memoirs will allege that her lawyer (famous in New York) gypped her out of over \$12,000 when she was awarded not much more in a lawsuit.

Is a former editor of Liberty Magazine doing publicity for the Japs here?... Many people think so, anyway... When Edmondson comes up for his criminal libel trial, the reddest face will be a Union Club member's. His initial is "C"... Chairman John J. O'Connor of N. Y., charged with "running out" on the President, faces the fight of his life for re-election... Shirley Temple will be the guest of the White House about June 10th... Walter Damrosch was warned by Local 802 execs that if he made any more speeches disparaging its members he would be barred from conducting in N. Y... Stokowski writes friends: "Half of what the papers report about us is grossly exaggerated and the other half lies"... Fritz Kuhn visited Degrelle in Belgium to clinch the plot to organize all Fascist groups in the U. S.

What's the mystery, if any, behind that car parked since last November in the open-air parking lot between 6th and 7th on 51st St? The license tag for 1937 is 4C-3500... W. A. Gately of the U. S. S. Seattle and Margaret Lane, the model, were secretly sealed on April 9th... Everett Marshall, the canary, has been courting Edna Strong, the dancer, since his divorce... Gov. Earle's son is rushing Florence Sundstrom of the "Brother Rat" cast... Lucien Ballard, wife of architect Wm. Fitz R. Ballard, will go to Reno any plane... Stage Lorraine Latham has shelved the Casa Manana for Texas and Ralph Marshall's wedding bells next Thursday... T. Pitts of the Capitol Theatre staff and Denise Manon, the radioriolo, were stitched last week... Jean Adams, Mirror reporter (she comforted Mrs. Hauptmann throughout the trial) eloped Thursday to Elkton with John L. Robertson, Jr., son of a Baltimore asphalt biggie... There's a very recent and veddy veddy widow about town, who is sporting a 12 karat rock purchased with the coin her husband left her "to buy a stone in memoriam"... The Paris branch of Barclay's Bank (British-owned) just ordered 100 new bombers from Seversky on Long Island for France. Six million markers were deposited for Seversky in CANADA!... We all should be grateful that we live in a country—where people parade to show their hats—instead of their hates.

Revised
proof
line about
FDR killed
by editor.
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...the producer of the "World-Telly" which has been condemned by priests and rabbis, was once a rabbit... The World-Telly has an expose on Hitlerites and their backers... Mary Lou Bentley, a Casa Manana Venus from Texas, and Eddy Landry, of the orchestra there, are closer than a Princeton haircut... Ruby Zloncheck, the widow of that Congressman, and a wigmaker in town are sham... She's changed her tag... John Carter, who won that Metopera award, is taking Earle Lewis' daughter place... Lewis is gen'l mgr. of the Met... It's a boy at the George McKeith... He's chief operating engineer at NBC... The Great Man in The White House is planning a plea for world-wide political amnesty.

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What's the mystery, if any, behind that car parked since last November in the open-air parking lot between 6th and 7th on 51st St? The license tag for 1937 is 4C-3500... W. A. Gately of the U. S. S. Seattle and Margaret Lane, the model, were secretly sealed on April 9th... Everett Marshall, the canary, has been courting Edna Strong, the dancer, since his divorce... Gov. Earles son is rushing Florence Sundstrom of the "Brother Rat" cast... Lucien Ballard, wife of architect Wm. Pitts K. Ballard, will go to Reno any plans... Stage magazine and editor Scudder Middleton will be divorced next issue... Lorraine Latham has shelved the Casa Manana for Texas and Ralph Marshall's wedding bells next Thursday... T. Pitts of the Capitol Theatre staff and Denise Manon, the radiolite, were stitched last week... Jean Adams, Mirror reporter (she comforted Mrs. Hauptmann throughout the trial) eloped Thursday to Elkton with John L. Robertson, Jr., son of a Baltimore asphalt biggie... There's a very recent and veddy meddy widow about town, who is sporting a 12 karat rock purchased with the coin her husband left her "to buy a stone in memoriam"... The Paris branch of Barclay's Bank (British-owned) just ordered 100 new bombers from Seversky on Long Island for France... Six million smackers were deposited for Seversky in CANADA!... That's why with all the war in the world, Americans in their prayers, should give thanks that there is an Atlantic ocean—and Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the White House.

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Winchell Monday

Walter Winchell Of New York

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Man About Town

Tyrone Power and Janet Gaynor have reached that familiar understanding. The reason: Irma Wilson of the Zanuck Woo, formerly of the Paradise here... Toby Wing and Pilot Dick Merrill may announce their betrothal at Pittsburgh this week... Burton Rascoe has succeeded Sinclair Lewis over at News-Week, while Lewis readies another play... The two columnists barred from the Elbow Room are Cholly Knickerbocker and Lucius Beebe, lucky stiff... Watch for a terrific shakeup in local Chinese political circles... Warner's has black-balled another March of Time newsmen (The forthcoming Nazi Conquest of Austria) arguing that it is propaganda, not entertainment... Fannie Brice has definitely decided to get it in Calif... Meaning that Billy (Rambling) Rose and Eleanor Holm will have to mark time for at least a year... Wanna make some easy money? Then bet that F. D. R., positively will not run in 1940... He is perfectly satisfied with his political heirs.

J. J. Shubert and Clifton Webb or "You Never Know" have phift... The Guy Standing, Jr. (after six months of wedding bells), will have it annulled. Bernard Sandler is her atty... A taxi driver in town is giving "Ken" loads of "expose" material on the C. I. O... There's a Stork Club waiter who actually dwells on S-ranky Central Park West... Ethel (Paradise) Somerville's Marquis Aurelio de Piscaro (an agent for Italy?) called on the Rex, but why didn't she wave him ta-ta?... And what lovely did?... That Mass., legislator Francis X. Coyne (whose bill to make movie stars use their real names), was thrown out—changed his! See page 553 of the Boston Directory for 1916 when he was listed—as Frank not Francis... That ex-showgirl who "took" a married society man for 25Gs to return his letters—has a brand new chump.

The State Dept is split over the Spanish Question. A. A. Berio is doing all he can for the Liberals... Incidentally, they are exerting tremendous pressure to oust the State Dept's "white spat boys" who, they insist, are sold on Fascism... Jimmy Durante's new ditty will put you in stitches: "Toccanini, Stokowski and Me"... The Airlines receive millions in subsidies from Uncle Sam, but the flag at the Newark Airport in its tatters, while the Nazi flag at the World's Fair approach isn't... Joan English is back after melting from John Beal last Feb... Miss St. Louis of last year's Beauty Pageant at Atlantic City (her name is Juanita Bates) is now a Minsky gal at the Eltinge Theatre... Washington is still talking about the big egg that Glen Frank laid at the Gridiron Dinner, and which F. D. R. fried.

The income taxers will soon announce the indictments of over 30 Atlantic City numbers racketeers... The Phil Bakery's fourth child is expected next month at Dr's Hosp... Priscilla Brock and Alexander Brock, kin, will wed in June... They spring from the Biddle-clan... The swastika designs on the courtroom doors (of an across the river courthouse) have been blocked out by order of the Mayor after an item here... Edwina Atwell, one of the levelist deb, and A. Corning Clark are breathless... Aaron Stein, the radio critic, is now Time's first ethereporter... It's a boy at the Oscar Roches of LA Conna. Mother is the former Ziegfeldlight, Theresa Moreno... While the Princess Juliana's estranged bridegroom is Bouring Yarrow, her escorts around Holland are top-ranking army officers, all of whom are Spencer Tracyish.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. J. EDGAR HOOVER:

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Memorandum which Walter Winchell received from "Archie", 5/27/44, and which Mr. Winchell sent to Miss Tully for the President, attaching photostatic copy of item which appeared in "The X-Ray" of 4/8/44, under the heading "Greetings to Franklin D."

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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

June 19 1944

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Miss Grace G. Tully
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

I have received your note of June 14, 1944, to which you attached for my information a copy of a clipping from the April 8, 1944, issue of a publication known as the "X-Ray."

I want to thank you for writing me about this matter and I thought you would be interested to know that a copy of the clipping in question has previously come to our attention and has been referred to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice for its consideration and analysis.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 30, 1944.

ack & To broad Tully.

Mr. Walter Winchell
Daily Mirror
New York, New York.
Dear Sir:

I am sending you this point of information because I never saw it mentioned before and I think this is the proper time to bring it to the attention of your readers.

During the time that Tom Dewey was Special Prosecutor and District Attorney of New York County, he was being financed by W. P. A. funds. Half the staff of expert accountants, investigators, stenographers, and clerks were subsidised by W. P. A. payrolls. Thus he was able to cut the budget of his predecessor in half and show his so called administrative ability.

The point I am trying to bring out is that President Roosevelt, who could have denied these funds, really is responsible for Tom Dewey's rise in politics. Having been on Tom Dewey's staff for two years I can honestly say that it would have been impossible for Dewey to have made such a thorough investigation without these funds or the expert employees provided by President Roosevelt.

This could only happen in a democracy. I wonder if that would have happened if the picture was reversed?

Sincerely yours,
John Ossakow
John Ossakow
167 Lenox Road
Brooklyn, New York.

~~Walter~~
~~Here it is finally!~~
~~Lee~~ Guild

To Gene Tully,
from
Winchell

Here's your long-sought information on the news--
paper.

It will be called "The Free Press," and the first
issue, with a press run of a half million copies, will come off the
press on September 19.

There will be four issues before the election on
November 7, with arrangements being made for a continuation on a
permanent basis by the Hollywood Democratic Committee.

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Editor will be Kay Williams, administrative officer
of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild.

Publisher will be the Hollywood Democratic Committee.

The staff will be Los Angeles newspapermen and
former newspapermen now working as writers and publicists in the
studios, all of them giving time on a voluntary basis.

We're confident of getting some of the biggest name
cartoonists and columnists in the country. Writers will include
Marc Connelly, Sheridan Gibney (and, we hope, Paul Revere of P.M.),
among others.

The paper will be replated for each of eight
congressional districts, so that copies distributed in any neigh-
borhood will deal with the congressional candidate of that neigh-
borhood only.

In other words, the paper hopes to send ^{to congress} a solid
block of eight pro-Roosevelt candidates from the L.A. metropolitan
area.

Would you mind calling this to Winchell's attention:

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There will be an attempt to smear this newspaper as a C.I.O. tool.

For that reason any emphasis upon cooperation by Guild members (who are actually cooperating as individuals) will play into the hands of the smear campaign.

In addition to congressional candidates, the paper will bear down for Roosevelt and Sheridan Downey, the New Deal senator up for reelection.

It will be a standard-sized, four page paper.

Vern Parten

Bob Fender

Gen. Corres "W-4-44"

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 24, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. HARRY L. HOPKINS

TO READ AND RETURN FOR
MY FILES.

F. D. R.

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This is the breakdown of the Democratic campaign:

The Winner

A private survey completed yesterday by the most reliable people I know indicates Dewey will carry not more than 16--and not less than 10 states, and will have an electoral count of less than 170. This means that FDR will have won his own ball game. Assuredly, if he doesn't, no one else will. This is, partly by accident, partly by design and partly as an historical inevitability, the worst run Democratic campaign the old timers can remember.

I. Campaign Strategy

Hannegan stated and believes that (1) the only issue is FDR. (2) that people have already made up their minds and (3) the only problem is to get the vote out.

Accordingly, at Headquarters no "representative" groups are received. These groups, always overclaiming their own strength, were nevertheless "carried" by Farley. They were all made to feel that they were both welcome and important. This as a policy has been abandoned. Literally hundreds of these groups have been turned away.

2. Foreign Language Groups

Jim Farley had over 80 people in the Foreign Language section of the Democratic Committee. Hannegan has one. Jim made money from the group; it more than pulled its own weight. This year, only \$10,000 is budgeted for it. Yesterday afternoon the Polish leaders from New Jersey were unable to get literature of any sort at Headquarters. Reason: There is none.

If this were a tight campaign of new candidates, the Democrat would be punched out of the ring on the basis of complete absence of tactical organization.

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3. Press

The Publicity Department has arranged no general plan. This is crucially important in New York State, where both the Liberal and ALP parties could assume part of the load. That is to say, take over certain radio programs, etc. As a result, there is no coordination of effort of the various parties. There would be much duplication of effort if there were much effort.

The major united friends of the President are particularly bitter. Whereas there had been a general outline of certain themes there is a complete absence of it in this campaign. And the warm personal element and wide acquaintanceship of Jim--which provided background for so many stories--is completely lacking.

There is much friction in the Committee about publicity management.

This all-important phase is run on a parallel line to the grand strategy: That the issue is clear; that the people are decided and that no campaign in the ordinary sense need be waged.

The morale is definitely low at Headquarters. That is to say, there is none of the spark, fun and fight of a winning camp. To those familiar with the last campaigns the atmosphere is a mixture of shock and alarm.

Of course, Farley is pursuing the opposite tack. Many small pockets of cruel attrition are being prepared. A completely venal city machine here is in my opinion likely to be bought out.

On a general plan of attack, the Republicans are fully prepared. There can be no doubt that Jim Farley can furnish them the most intimate knowledge of ward politicians: I expect to find

the grossest kind of double crossing from some in Brooklyn. The Republicans are aware of the importance of marshalling strength in homely numbers. Nothing's too small for their attention. On our side, our campaign theory is, really, to have no campaign at all. Except for FDR, this would be an infallible formula for hard luck. If there is an historical analogy to our line of attack, it is General Braddock's march!

4. Labor:

Labor will vote solidly for the President. Its "registration--get out the vote campaign" is the best thing yet done for FDR.

The the labor leaders, as political leaders, have turned in an incredibly bad job. Thus, Hillman, last Monday, had difficulty meeting his payroll. A miserable \$70,000 was asked from the United Auto Workers who--with a payroll of nearly 75 millions--will raise less than 250,000. To date, they do not approach that.

This is partially due to the new legislation but much more to lack of organization. But though the tactics are bad, the vote will be there. This means that though labor is a vital factor in the election, labor leaders must necessarily be counted for less: They could not organize--~~much~~less deliver their vote--and the vote was there for FDR in any event. They are, of course, elemental to the scenery, but not to the command.

The Northern Negro vote is surprisingly strong for FDR. These people, as a group, are the most highly conscious of the benefits of the New Deal legislation. Representative Negro ^{LABOR} leaders, in the face of great temptation by the Republicans, have said with the greatest of dignity--The President is an even greater friend than Lincoln. (LaGuardia can be more effective with the Negroes than with

the Italians.)

Summary

The Chicago Convention illustrated that this country faces a period of compounded historical dynamics. It is a political miracle that the Big City Bosses, Labor, the Conservative South and the Liberal North could meet without bloodshed, much less unite for one man. Certainly that is the only thing holding it together.

What's Wrong Over a Period of Years:

- (1): There has been too much decision by default.
- (2): There has been no imagination and even less organization.
- (3): Grudges were accepted as coinage, in lieu of performance.
- (4): There has been a "fire brigade" policy, instead of a program.
- (5): There has been absolutely no leadership, as such, from a party standpoint.
- (6): The City Machines are discredited in the public eye.
- (7): The Party organization is not democratic. There are no new men--and no young men.
- (8): Coalition tactics--young Nelson Rockefeller has refused three times to contribute--break the hearts of the loyal.
- (9): Because the 3 main bureaus--War, Navy and Production--are prejudiced against the President, the greatest possible leverage: Republican administration and Democratic responsibility, was handed on a platter, to Dewey.
- (10): The feeling exists that the recognitions are based on capacity for future damage, not reward for past services.

*From
Walter Winchell*

Butte Postmaster - hold until after election

Montana Internal Revenue Collector - take care of
this after election or after death of incumbent.

MVA in Montana - power interests and all their
papers carrying editorials and propoganda against
it. Erickson, candidate for Governor, is for it
and Ford, Republican Governor is against it.
Wheeler is non-committal, says MVA may not be
applicable to conditions in the West.

Wheeler remained out of State during Convention
and resolution offered endorsing him was rejected.
Wheeler is working against Erickson under cover but
has made no public statement. Newspapers carrying
heavy propoganda smearing Erickson with CIO control,
etc., etc.

Ickes should be sent into Montana to tell people of
the State what this Administration has done for it,
and the program for irrigation, etc., after the war.

Governor Moses in North Dakota is sick in hospital.
Polls taken there show Stambaugh in the lead, Moses
second and Nye third. But it sounds too rosy. Inasmuch
as Moses is sick would it not be wise to have him

withdraw owing to his illness and give Stambaugh a clear road. This would cinch the defeat of Nye. This suggestion has been made to me. I merely pass it on.

Argentina situation could be cleared up. Talked to interested people in New York who suggest someone be sent to Argentina to discuss matter. Argentinians would then send a commission to the United States to work out a program of cooperation and would give the United States everything it asks. This will save face for Argentina. If this is not done and we use sanctions it may create ill will and fear in other sections of South America. I talked to Del Rios, of Hanover Bank, and other business men at National Foreign Trade Council where I spoke. State Department appeared to be in favor of sanctions and acting rough with Argentina. If matter can be adjusted it might be the best course.

Everyone thinks the President should take more active part in campaign. Should have several fire-side chats last week of election and, if possible, make a trip into the country for a speech or two.

I attended the Nat. Foreign Trade Council.

TO: David Mulford Jr.

FROM: The Washington Staff

WASHINGTON DOPE

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The Army is fearful that the Navy is about to spring a grand coup in the jockeying for position over command in the Pacific.

They view Admiral Edwards' appointment this week with a great deal of suspicion. There is some indication that King is about to make a break for it and take over the war against Japan, perhaps not by formal appointment but by his frequent presence on the spot.

There is a lot of charging at windmills in Washington on this question. Both the Army and Navy seem to feel that the outcome of the maneuvering to command the Pacific war may determine whether the postwar defense setup will be controlled by a single department of defense, three separate departments, Army, Navy and Air Force, or, as a lot of admirals suggest, a three-dimensional Navy.

The Navy has sat by anxiously and watched the big plans in European command go to the Army and believe that in the wide open spaces of the Pacific is their chance to grab the ball.

The Army takes the view that although there must be a lot of naval operations in the Pacific the war against Japan won't be over until large bodies of American troops have come to grips with the bulk of Japan's 70 divisions and defeated them.

Barney Baruch is playing around the edges and soon may be exerting considerable influence in the Administration, although the Administration won't look upon him with the old favor. If Baruch becomes more active, he'll play it very, very close to his friends in the Army.

In recent days, Barney has been in touch with the Army's supply boss, Gen. Somervell, and was mad as a hornet because Charlie Wilson quit the WPB (Wilson was a Baruch man).

"God damn it, Bill," he said to Somervell, "we picked the best horse in the race, and then the damned nuckskull runs out on us."

Barney, reports Somervell's associates, feels that things have really gone to the dogs now, what with the new conversion and surplus property laws and Wilson out^{of} the WPB. He keeps saying he wouldn't have any part of the whole mess any more, but Somervell's people say that's a sure sign the old man is itching to get back to the inside track.

Baruch keeps in touch with Leon Henderson when Leon goes to New York, which is frequently. He milks Henderson for every ounce of information he can get out of him. Many of Barney's information pools are drying up on him, and when Jimmy Byrnes moves out, he'll have few left. He doesn't like that, and he's sure to go after new ones.

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In the making in Washington is a terrific battle between the planners and the unplanners. Some of the thinking of the hard-headed business men who have been bounding around WPB has begun to affect some of the Administration topiders, and they are shrieking that the time has come to make an end of pump-priming policies, let business carry the load, take off the controls, and wait and see.

This thinking has definitely pervaded the operating heads of WPB, from Boss Cap Krug down; is getting thought among some of the hot economists who have left government service and who used to be great planners. It will probably burst

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to the surface after elections. Until then everybody is holding their breath, with the politicians scared to death, on both sides, and the New Dealers are afraid to make too positive moves.

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Assistant Secretary of State Adolf Borah, Jr., the nervous little man who talks in stratospheric circles, is least certain to be named head of the US delegation to the world aviation conference. The State Department has not yet reached a final decision on the site of the conference, but expects to know within the next few days.

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Pipe-chewing, taciturn Congressman Mike Mansfield of Montana, is going to visit China at Presidential request.

The press called Mansfield in yesterday, and asked him to go on a special mission which Mansfield does not define. Undoubtedly, however, his job is to whip up pro-American sentiment in China. Since the Congressman has been the loudest of those demanding more aid for the Chinese. He spent several years in China, then taught Far Eastern history at the University of Montana for a decade before coming to Congress. Mansfield, a member of the House foreign affairs committee, is more interested in China than almost any other of the United Nations.

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The international wheat agreement, settled in its main points more than a month ago, is still snarled up in details that don't concern the United States. A good guess is that one difficulty is between Australia and the United Kingdom. Leslie Wheeler, director of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations and a member of the international wheat council, says no final agreement will be reached for "at least two or three weeks." Paul Appleby, chairman of the council, tells us he doesn't consider the upcoming arrangement in conflict with the Government's anti-cartel policy because (a) it is between governments, not private companies; (b) it includes the chief competing country, England.

Gen. Eisenhower is reported to have demanded big increases for his troops in certain items, such as candy, peanuts, cigarettes, beer. As a result, US manufacturers have been instructed that beginning with October 1, one-half of their entire production in these items must go overseas. It means shortages on the home front.

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Dr. Victor Hoo, Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and member of the Chinese delegation to Dumbarton Oaks, has received instructions to leave Washington two weeks after the closing of the world security talks. Hoo is disappointed because he had hoped to stay in Washington in a diplomatic capacity.

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The Turks in Washington indicate the possibility of a Bulgarian participation with the Russians in the occupation of Thrace.

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Speculators who passed the rye crop from hand to hand last year will face a mammoth legal action as soon as the Department of Agriculture can get squared away. Our sources regard this as ultra secret for the time being, and it may be months before the Department's solicitor has the case ready. One basis of prosecution may be the law which limits the amount of grain one person may buy without reporting to the Government. Possibly the courts will be asked whether a man can legally control a huge bloc of futures by putting them in the names of his wife, daughters, nephews and cousins.

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Pan American Airways is dickering with an aircraft manufacturer--not Douglas--for a super-sized airliner, which would carry 128 passengers. These would carry 20 more persons than the Douglas DC-7's, and would dwarf anything now being used by a commercial airline.

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The warehouse situation is pretty tight and will keep on getting tighter until the end of the war in Europe, according to Colonel Leo Nicholson, who directs the storage division in the Office of Defense Transportation. One trouble seems to be that such cutbacks and reconversions as have taken place so far have failed to make any extra space. When a factory is released partly from war production, new machinery generally is moved in and the old machinery which is moved out must be stored somewhere. Complete contract terminations after VE-Day are expected to make Government-owned plants available for storage space. In the meantime, Nicholson says, conditions won't become hopeless because the Government is solving the problem simply by building a roof over machinery or surpluses that have to be dumped in the open.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT

I. To report to the President on the foreign language situation, and to emphasize the importance of foreign policy statements to the foreign language Americans.

Recommendations:

1. The President's New York speech, October 21.
 - a. That the speech draw the contrast to internationalism by unfolding the consequences of isolationism, possibly country by country, as in Italy and Poland, for example.
 - b. If deemed advisable, a tribute to Willkie along with Wilson. Both happen to be idols of foreign language groups, and both their lives were wrecked by isolationists.
2. The importance foreign language Americans give to the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms.
3. A Chicago speech by the President.
4. "Everybody Out For Roosevelt" rally with "Americans All" angle, November 2.
 - a. The President appear or speak in by phone.
 - b. Alternative: Secretary Hull.
5. The part that Senators Connally, George, and Bankhead can play.

II. The Polish American situation.

Recommendations:

1. The Polish-Russian relief controversy: that UNRRA be put in charge of Polish relief, and that the step be announced in a simple, sharp directive or order from the President to UNRRA.
2. That American relief supplies be flown into Poland the moment the controversy clarifies itself. Publicity importance: news-reels and stories from here.
3. That the President rest assured that the bulk of the Polish Americans support him and will vote for him.

III. The Italian American situation.

Recommendations:

1. The announcement by the President, possibly at his press conference Friday, of the opening of the mails for packages to Italy. Emphasize that this should come from the President, and not the Postmaster General.
2. More publicity given to the shipment of relief to Italy. The goods already on the way can be dramatized by having the Signal Corps take film of Poletti on the docks as it arrives in Italy. These films to be shipped back fast to the United States and circulated in theatres before the election.
3. That the return of Judge Marchisio be used not to tell the past horror of starvation in Italy, but the present story of aid and relief. He is scheduled to speak at the Roosevelt on October 17 before a large luncheon for the National War Fund. He should hold a press conference by October 16 and tell the story of the effects of the news that America is on the move. It is suggested that the President might receive him on the day of his return to dramatize the part the President has played in bringing that relief to the Italians.

IV. The Catholic situation. The bulk of our foreign language Americans are Catholics, and the Church's part in their lives cannot be over-estimated.

Recommendations:

1. A conference on foreign relief is suggested in which prominent Catholic clergymen who have heavy foreign language groups in their diocese play an important role.
2. That the President, along with Senator Wagner and prominent Catholics, start a memorial for Alfred E. Smith.
3. That Archbishop Spellman return and conduct an aggressive campaign in his diocese.

V. Relief. It is now become the key to foreign language American feelings.

Recommendations:

1. The National War Fund drive can be utilized discreetly to tell the story. Official Greek, Polish, British, French, Italian and Russian speakers on national and local drives for The Fund can, in their remarks, pay tribute to the efforts of this government and the President to relieve the suffering in Their homelands.

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To: David Hulburd, Jr.

From: The Washington Staff

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Harry Hopkins is in there pulling the international strings again. His slouched figure, careless walk and greying head, carried in that peculiar sidewise way, are once more familiar in the east executive wing of the White House. Hopkins' alter ego, Isadore Lubin, reported off the record on Harry this afternoon.

"Harry is down here more than he is at home now, but does considerable work at home nevertheless. He is handling international affairs practically all the time now, and did a great deal of the preliminary work on the Quebec Conference, and a great deal of work on the conference while it was underway, although he didn't go to Quebec."

This observation brought a quick question from ██████████ correspondent:

What did Hopkins think about the Morgenthau-Stimson-Hull row over what to do with Germany; what did Hopkins think about the policy towards a conquered Germany; and did the President agree with Hopkins?

"I can tell you what Hopkins thinks should be the policy towards Germany. His feeling is contained in two broad points: 1. He believes we should compel terms that would prevent Germany from becoming an aggressor within the next generation; 2. He believes that we should take whatever action will be necessary to insure the Number One point without having to maintain a large army in German occupation.

"I don't think Harry would go as far as the newspapers say Morgenthau

would go. Neither am I sure that Morgenthau's plan is what the Associated Press has been writing about."

At this point, Lubin went way off base in an obvious and rather feeble effort to cover up for The Morgue. At the same time he revealed the depth and intensity of feeling within the Administration by accusing the State Department of deliberately "leaking" the Morgenthau plan.

Lubin tried throughout his talk with TIME's correspondent to play down the importance of the Morgenthau plan, even to the extent of saying it had been exaggerated but without offering any facts to back up his contention. (He's the only Administration man we've talked to who hasn't had the candor to admit that the AP had the Morgenthau plan cold).

Said The Lube (who probably has a good deal of sympathy for The Morgue's ideas):

"I do think this: that leak on the Morgenthau proposal came from the State Department. I think it was deliberate. I think someone over there at the State Department thought that to publicize the Morgenthau ideas - and perhaps exaggerate them - would be an effective method of countering his views. I am convinced of that."

Lube was immediately asked why, if Morgenthau's idea was either exaggerated or distorted, he didn't scream bloody murder, that he'd been misquoted, that the whole thing was erroneous. Here was Lube's answer:

"Well, suppose Morgenthau thought this whole thing was an effort on the part of somebody over at the State Department to discredit him. Wouldn't he be in a cat fight if he gave rumor the importance of getting into a public fight over it? I have no doubt that the story as carried was correct in that Morgenthau's ideas run along the general line of terms sufficiently severe to prevent the coming generation

of Germans from striking out at civilization. But I believe his ideas were exaggerated.

"And here's a few things you must remember: the man who really makes the policy in this field is President Roosevelt. He knew how each of the three men on that committee felt before he left for Quebec. And I can tell you, that the President knew how he felt before he went to Quebec, and that the agreements there on treatment of Germany went a great deal farther than vague generalities. Remember all that, and you might come nearer to the feeling here in the White House - so far as I've been able to judge it: that this row isn't anywhere nearly so important as it has been made out.

"On the real question - whether the President agrees with Hopkins on the terms - I think you can assume that, generally speaking, he does. I've been working with and for Harry on this Quebec thing, and I can tell you that Hopkins is definitely not upset about it. I can see how the story, as a row between Morgenthau and other committee members, might be of tremendous newspaper interest. But I can say that it does not affect the actual agreements made, and they must be made between the President, Churchill, and Stalin.

"I don't want to talk about the racial phase of this thing, but I'll say this: don't you suppose Morgenthau is as conscious of that phase as anyone else, perhaps more so than most? And that, consequently, he would more than likely be most careful in recommending harsh steps against Germany? Think that one over, and see if you don't agree that the so-called terms of the so-called Morgenthau plan have been to some extent exaggerated.

"It's my guess that the President feels about this whole thing much as Harry does, and as I do: it isn't nearly so important as it's being made out."

Lube then turned to the Labor picture, under questioning:

"The War Labor Board is meeting this afternoon to take up the WLB panel's

report on Little Steel. I'll tell you this: when the board met the other day, Phil Murray (CIO President) proposed that WLB Chairman Davis accept in evidence the only data that has been officially compiled within the government contending that to give the steel workers a pay increase wouldn't bring consumer cost increases - the OPA report written by Dick Gilbert. Davis said that the hearings had been closed, that he could not accept this in evidence unless Murray made a formal move to that effect. If adopted, this move would formally reopen the case and thus delay a final decision. Murray naturally declined to make any such formal motion.

"You see, the OPA report dealt simply with steel. I - and in this I am working for the White House - do not see how the board could grant any increase right now unless it were convinced that not only in steel but in all other fields, the wage increase would bring no cost increase for the producer.

"I can tell you that the WLB public members have not made up their minds on this issue yet. I know that labor - and I think I'm a good friend of labor - has been circulating the report that an increase was on the way in hopes this would promote such a development. But I don't think it is settled in the WLB, and I know the White House isn't putting any pressure on for an increase. We are leaving the board alone.

"I have been advised confidentially that we will get a WLB decision before the election. I don't see how they could well hold it off until later. I don't think, however, that an announcement for an increase, if one should come, would influence many votes for Roosevelt in the labor camp. I think there are fewer people on the fence politically within labor's ranks than any other segment of the people, and I don't believe any such action as a wage increase would change any votes that weren't still on the fence."

Labe confirmed earlier TIME reports that Judge Vinson is tops in the race for the Reconversion job, and said he and those with whom he is associated around the

White House are all for Vinson. Incidentally, a chat with Walter Brown, Judge Byrnes' Man Friday, brought the same answer a little later. Lube disclosed that Chet Bowles wanted the job, but didn't think he would get it. (see story suggestions)

Top names being tossed around in connection with the Surplus Property Disposal three man board include Leon Henderson (who says off the record he won't take it), Henry Kaiser, William L. Batt, and some of the top people inside the existing surplus property setup. Some White House people, including Lube, would like to see Don Nelson take one of the jobs, but doubt that he will, and the same goes for Chet Bowles so far as the surplus property job is concerned.

"Actually, there have been no decisions on these jobs yet," explained Lube, "and I don't know whether the President will have settled on his appointees when he signs the two bills." (Roosevelt has until October 3 to sign the reconversion and surplus property bills.)

Stabilizer Vinson is looking toward V-E day with calmness and confidence, if not with optimism. "I think the job (orderly absorption of a 40-per cent war production cut) can be done," he said. "Of course there will be many headaches."

Vinson talked not for attribution with a TIME correspondent shortly after War Mobilizer Jimmy Byrnes' speech to the Press Club. Byrnes made a strong plea for continued stabilization of the relationship between wages and prices until V-J day, but in the subsequent questioning period refused to say that he was referring specifically to abrogation of the Little Steel formula, generally regarded as imminent.

Vinson was asked if he regarded the proposed break-through on Little Steel as dangerous to the inflation control program. His only reply was: "When?" meaning the president's decision, was it likely to come before or after V-E day? He conveyed the impression that he wasn't too worried about it, but refused to elaborate.

Vinson emphasized that inflationwise the point to remember now is that pressures can change quickly, and will change, with the end of the European war. He prefers, he said, to keep an open mind on decisions until he has to make them in the light of conditions at the moment, rather than forming opinions now that will color his decisions then. "I don't talk as much as some people but I don't have to eat my words," he said.

Without any attempt to explain what he was driving at, if anything, he made these points:

All three major national economic groups--the farmer, the manufacturer, the worker--are now getting high prices, high profits, high wages.

Cutting out of overtime and down-grading of workers will lower unit costs as reconversion sets in. Upgrading of workers during wartime, he explained, has had to be done because men simply had to be used to perform certain functions even if their skills weren't quite equal to them by ordinary efficiency standards.

What he seemed to be wanting to say was that apparently it will be possible to maintain payments to workers even on shorter hours without disturbing present relationships.

Byrnes had been asked how many workers would lose their jobs within 30 days of V-E day. His reply was not no one could say; estimates had been made that a 40 per cent war production outback would involve 4,000,000 jobs, but he added that this was deceptive since many of these people would be kept by their employers for civilian work. In Chicago a survey of 300 women revealed that one-third would not seek re-employment if they lost their jobs. Vinson said this attitude would affect the 4,000,000 jobs to start with and that in many lines--textiles for example--there would be plenty of immediate civilian work for those who would be out of war work.

"Then", it was suggested, "you are fairly optimistic?"

"No, not optimistic, but I think the job can be done," he replied.

Vinson said he wasn't seeking Byrnes' job as War Demobilizer. "If I'm called in and asked to do it, I'll do it," he said. "If I'm not asked maybe I'll live longer."

A source well informed on farm organizations says the three major groups-- Farm Bureau, Grange, and Coop Council--while dead set against Roosevelt cannot take a more active part in the campaign because any move would lose them members, on which they live. Farm groups, he said, are being tugged at from two directions politically. The activity of Sidney Hillman's PAC is a great worry; they reason that it would put labor firmly in the saddle, to their disadvantage, if Roosevelt is re-elected. The other pull comes from the National Tax Equality Association, which has speakers out all over the country arguing for removal of the tax advantage now enjoyed by farm cooperatives. The NTEA isn't hooked up with Dewey, but the farm groups feel that it is backed by big business which also backs Dewey. The stake involved is sizeable: New York state farmer cooperatives now own about \$1,000,000,000 of property which they have been able to buy with earnings which are not taxed. Farm organization sentiment remains, of course, overwhelmingly for Dewey.

Bob Ramspeck, chairman of the Democratic speakers' bureau, has been dickering with Mitch Davenport to get him to make a big anti-Dewey speech in Minneapolis. Davenport is considering it (his anti-Dewey article came out in the current American Mercury). Ramspeck has set up headquarters in New York, and is staying at the Biltmore.

Even Democrats admit that Governor Dewey did a good job counter-punching in his Oklahoma City speech, and that he undoubtedly made votes for himself by the free-swinging manner in which he came back at Roosevelt.

From now on it's a knockdown contest--a John L. Sullivan brawl--the Democrats believe, and they admit that Dewey probably came off best in the first exchange. They insist that the Champ has some good haymakers upcoming and that the Roosevelt speech pulling the campaign off a high pedestal was calculated and deliberate.

Senator Claude Pepper has been made chairman of the foreign language speakers' section of the national committee, to organize the campaign among foreign language groups in the U. S. Just exactly why, Pepper doesn't know, but he's out to put a speaker in every little Poland in the country.

The U. S. Bureau of Printing and Engraving has struck off a mountain of Philippine invasion bills, for use when the landings start. The printing job is practically done, and it is necessary to have the bills, most of them, ready a month before the landings start.

The Secret Service is having a heck of a time with the engraving personnel. Some 400 negroes were hired in the last few months, and that after investigation by the Civil Service Commission. Then Secret Service stepped in and conducted another investigation--found men who had served time for murder, robbery, and other assorted crimes. They were among the personnel assigned to handling the banknotes. As rapidly as possible, Secret Service is weeding them out.

Congressional leaders say that unless the universal military service bill is passed before the new Congress meets, it probably will be killed--that there will be no hope of passing the bill, once Germany is defeated. (see story sked).

Cliff Woodrum, chairman of the postwar military policy committee of the House, said today that he planned to call his committee together right after November 14, see what they will do, and start the ball rolling on the bill. It was deliberately shunted aside in order to avoid raising this issue as a hot campaign topic.

This is a classic example of politics interfering with vital policy.

Texas Tom Connally was boiling hot today over the Morgenthau plan to crush Germany. Connally said he intended to give Cordell Hull (who opposes the plan) an earful when he sees him tomorrow.

"God damn it," Connally snorted, "you can't quote me on this, but they oughtn't to put a Jew on any committee drawing up plans to handle Germany. Look what the Nazis are doing with this now, beating every drum they've got about the Morgenthau plan. The President knew Morgenthau was a bitter Nazi-hater, and he ought to have known what the Nazis would say about any plan Morgenthau drew up.

"This is just going to ship up their will to resist, and in the end it will probably cost thousands of American lives. If we followed Morgenthau's ideas, we'd be guilty of committing the same crimes we are now fighting to eliminate from the earth."

Senator Truman has scheduled only two major campaign speeches, one in New Orleans Oct. 11, and another in Los Angeles Oct. 16. Meanwhile, Henry Wallace is speaking far and wide, now in junketing through Pennsylvania. Truman is the candidate, but Wallace is still the speechmaker.

Women reporters on the Hill are sore at the Washington Post. The Post's Mary Spargo has been writing several articles about a secret "guide" for girl reporters on the Hill, warning them which Senator or Congressman is likely to receive them with the extremely human touch, such as pinching, garter-snapping, chest tapping, back patting. No woman reporter on the Hill has ever seen the guidebook. It is apparently a figment of Mary's imagination. And the girls don't think it helps them in their jobs of dealing with Senators and House members. It has made the members standoffish, distant, and on guard. Actually, say the girls on the Hill, there are very few members who study anatomy by the Braille method. The Spargo articles stink, in their opinions. The Women's Press Club has already discussed the articles, and what to do about them, but has taken no action.

Best guess among the girls is that these spicy comments on the Senators are in Mary Spargo's notebooks, and nowhere else. No one who knows Mary, however, would ever believe she ever had her garter snapped.

Speaker Sam Rayburn is going to do most of his campaigning to re-elect a Democratic House. He can thus relieve Roosevelt of the blunder that Wilson made in 1918, and at the same time lend indirect aid to the national ticket. Rayburn plans to make a number of speeches, after two or three weeks rest at his Bonham, Texas, home, but they will concentrate on the importance of keeping a Democratic House.

Clare Hoffman of Michigan recently took guests to the House restaurant, and found that the table reserved for him was not to his taste. He told the elderly woman in charge of reservations: "If you were a man I'd slap you."

"Go right ahead," she challenged, "don't let my dress interfere with you. And I guarantee you if you do, the flag will fly at half mast until they can get

• you back to Michigan!"

Several members who heard it, later apologized to the woman for Hoffman's conduct, said they'd never again occupy a table with him.

The Nazi minister to Sweden is expected to be recalled in "retaliation" for Sweden's decision barring German vessels from Swedish ports in the Bay of Bothnia and the Baltic.

Belgium diplomats in Washington are getting pretty sore because they are unable to get in communication with their government at Brussels. They point out that correspondents can reach them. Apparently, military and press cables are using up all facilities.

Several days ago anti-collaborationist riots broke out in Lyon. Some 120 persons are reported to have been killed. French authorities have clamped a lid of censorship on the incident.

Brazilian Ambassador Martins will leave Washington this coming week-end for a fifteen-day stay in Rio for "consultation". Martins was never considered on good terms with ex-Foreign Minister Aranha.

The Justice Department has about given up trying to find a Federal angle in the Tennessee soldier-vote fraud case. Since the political artists were accused of voting these unsuspecting Joes in a primary, not an election, it seems to be up to the State.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. HARRY L. HOPKINS

TO READ AND RETURN FOR
MY FILES.

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Memorandum (from Walter Winchell) re
breakdown of the Democratic campaign;
2 articles from the Washington Staff to
David Hulburd, Jr., entitled, Washington
Dope; and memorandum re Butte postmaster-
ship, Montana Internal Revenue collector,
MVA in Montana, N.C. situation, Argentina
situation and more activity for the Pres.
in the campaign.

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Dear Mr. Winchell:

Please notify the F.B I that the fact, if it is a fact, that the President is sailing on the Quincy immediately after his Inauguration is known to the ship's crew and the rumor is being spread among the public. Please tell those in whose hands this precious life is entrusted to watch over him and bring him safely back home.

A loyal listener to your Sunday broadcast

FILE NOTE:

(The above note was sent to Walter Winchell postmarked New York. Walter Winchell sent it to Miss Tully air mail special delivery from the Roney Plaza Hotel in Miami. It was received in her office Jan. 22 and turned over to Chief Frank Wilson of the Secret Service by direction of Mr. Early.)

At the recent Banker's Convention in Washington the following took concrete shape.

A very secret meeting was held at the suggestion of ^{Wm C.} Mr. Potter president ~~xxxxxxx~~ of the Guaranty Trust Company in Washington during that convention but Potter himself wasn't present at this secret meeting.

Mr. Potter had seen FDR a few weeks before, and led FDR to believe during his conversations that he had been playing ball with the administration... This committee which is to direct all activities against the pres consists of 7 men. Three of which I know.

They are: Luther Cleveland Jr, a banker. Robert Leree v p of ^{has the} Guaranty Trust and ~~the~~ son of Leno F. Leree, one of the biggest railroad men in US pres of Delaware and Hudson and chairman of several other roads.

The third is Henry A. This also of Guaranty Trust Co.

The other 4 men I am working on.

They realize that if found out they will get into trouble so they have agreed that if one or the others are caught at this conspiracy-- they will pose as "an informal committee of bankers drafting financial proposals for the administration against the threatened central bank and other contemplated banking legislation."

All of the recent slander against FDR has come out of this group Potter has right along been known to be opposed to the New Deal, etc. But in his recent talks with the pres he has said otherwise, this is a ~~xi~~ smoke screen of course.

Since their return from Washington they have confidentially informed their New York friends and other bankers that they regard the big success of their recent convention in Wash is that they've lined up secretly the Southern bankers who are Democrats against Roosevelt.

Out of their convention they have agreed that it is no use bucking the New Deal because bankers are now so unpopular. But on the sur-

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face they have accepted FDR's friendly hand and peace overtures.

~~XXXXXXXX~~ But of course this is only an act--a gesture.

Loree has so many spies in Washington that if this information reaches anyone but the President direct--it will be known almost at once. The spies are that close to the cabinet.

A son of a man named Case is one who keeps bankers informed of what is going on there. He is the son of James Herbert Case, the Federal Reserve man. The son is an official of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washingto.

There is at the moment in the desks of the men named (the 3) a printer's proof marked "strictly confidential" (about ten galley proofs) of a draft suggesting "Proposals For A Sound Money System and Suggestions for a Change in the Federal Reserve System".

This will be printed with the additional imprint "Submitted As a Basis For Possible Discussion" the moment this secret info leaks out.

The entire contents are deliberately ~~to~~ designed to embarrass the administration--but will be passed off as disinterested advice to "Save The Country".

W. W. "Walter Winchell"