

H. Ralph Burton

The reports filed by the National Union for Social Justice with the Clerk of the House under the Corrupt Practices Act for the 1936 campaign show:

A letter of April 8, 1936, to Hon. South Trimble,
Clerk of the House:

"Dear Mr. Trimble:

I transmit herewith a statement to comply fully with all of the provisions of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, approved on the 28th of February, 1925, by Congress, by the National Union for Social Justice, Royal Oak, Michigan, and request that you be good enough to communicate with me at the above address if you have any suggestions with reference to it.

Very truly yours,

H. R. Burton"

The financial report of the Maryland office filed as of September 1, 1936, for period July 1 to August 31st inclusive, shows a loan of \$287.79 to Burton on July 5th, and a loan of \$75 to Burton on August 10. John U. Evers made the report as acting treasurer of the Maryland office.

The final cumulative report of receipts and expenditures by the National Union for Social Justice filed February 26 by Dorothy Rhodes, Assistant Treasurer, shows H. R. Burton, Union Trust Building, Washington, D.C. "Organization Expense" \$6,185.24. (Sheet #2. Expenditures.)

Notes on Social Justice Union Corrupt Practices Report

Irish Catholic and German names seem to predominate.

The National Union for Social Justice borrowed \$2,000 from Sainte Therese Parish, Royal Oak, Michigan, for the campaign; ~~which~~ later repaid. The report of receipts lumps \$295,073.37 out of a grand total of \$723,847.18 as receipts less than \$100 which do not require name of donor. But actually only six sources of funds are listed, the others being lump donations or "receipts resulting from conventions and mass meetings." These six are (1) a \$100 donation by the Asbestos Workers Union, Local #17, Chicago, (2) a \$193 donation by Buckland-Van Wald, 425 Shelby street, Detroit, Michigan, and four loans (1) \$1,000 from "Congressional District, No. 10, Chicago, Illinois, (2) \$99,192.17 from Radio League of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, Michigan, (3) \$2,000 from the parish (see above), and (4) \$10,000 from the Social Justice Publishing Company, Royal Oak, Michigan. The loans total \$112,192.17; the two donations, \$293. Out of total receipts listed of \$723,847.18. The ~~film~~ following loans are listed as repaid: \$1,000 Congressional loan; the \$2,000 parish loan; the \$10,000 Social Justice loan; and the Radio League loan.

Now we have	Total Receipts	\$723,847.18
	Tot. Expenditures	<u>630,928.85.</u>
	Balance	92,919.33

What happened to the balance? Who is the D.J. Allen, 231 Virginia Avenue, Jersey City, who got \$685.20 in organization expense? Arabian, Connella and Barad, 507 Turks Head Bldg., Providence, R.I., \$150 for legal services? W. Baertschi, 808 Security Bldg., Toledo, Ohio, organization expense \$567.40, \$1500 advance for Indiana Mass Meeting and Advance listed in cumulative index as repaid? A. Bouthilette, 130 Norfolk Avenue, Pawtucket, R.I., got \$24.50 organization expense. A. Blackburn, Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill., got \$148.84 organization expense and \$2500 advance for Philadelphia mass meeting. J.P. Bramer, 415 Lexington Avenue, got \$6600.45 organization expense. E.N. Brown, Chelsea, Mich.,

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\$134.19 organization expense; H.R. Burton, Union Trust Bldg., Washington, D.C., \$6,185.24 organization ~~expense~~ expense; C.L. Carpenter, 48 Auburn street, Providence, R.I., organization expense \$1400; F.J. Collins, 15832 Washburn avenue, Detroit, \$225.24 for travelling expense and phone calls; A.C. Connor, 520-58th street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, lodging, meals and travelling expense, \$158.98; G. Coogan, Field Bldg., Chicago, Ill., telephone calls, \$30.35; J. L. Coppinger, 273 Chatham street, New Haven, Connecticut, \$2,050 organization expense and \$1,005.68 in red as repayment of loan;

Curiously high payment, \$1,321.92 to the Corporation Trust Company, 120 Broadway, for "statutory representation service". O.P. Craig, 701 Peoples Bank Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, \$1,105.58. I. Easton, Congress Hotel, Chicago, organization expense \$110.32. S.A. and L. B. Ettelson, 120 S. La Salle street, Chicago, \$2,000 for legal service. C.V. Falkenberg, 221 North La Salle Street, Chicago, \$500 organization expense/ P.F. Fratessa, 901 Hearst Bldg., San Francisco, Calif., organization expense, \$5,330. F.J. Gaffney, 135 Main street, ~~Mass~~ Nashua, N.H., organization expense, \$100. Harness, Dickey, Pierce & Hann, General Motors Bldg., Detroit, \$15 for legal service. R. Harriss, 60 Beaver street, New York, \$500 advance returned unused. M. Hayes, 359 Boylston street, Boston, \$3300 organization expense, advance returned \$2,000.

Who is the E.A. Hartman, 8609 S. May street, Chicago, who got \$14.64 in postage? Was he perhaps circularizing some German American organization? A.F. Heitzler, 913 Lockwood, Glendale, Mo., \$850 for organization expense. E.W. Hellwig Co., 9 E. 40th street, New York is down for \$86,473.39 for broadcast, with \$127.86 refund of payment. M. Honig, 808 Security Bank Bldg., Toledo, Ohio, \$75 organization expense. E.J. Inglesby, 601 West Jersey Trust Bldg., Camden, N.J., got ~~\$1,370.20~~ \$1,370.20 for organization expense.

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Who is the Rev. A.J. Jacques, M.M., Maryknoll, N.Y., down for \$500 for missionary work in China? P. Johnson, Congress Hotel, Chicago, is down for \$2,601.72 for organization expense. T. Judd, Chesaning, Michigan, is down for organization expense, \$40.26. F. A. Kummer, 311 Stephenson Bldg., Detroit, \$800 for travelling and organization expense. S.V. Mc Mahon, 707 Public Square Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio, is down for \$7,100 organization expense. H.G. Mc Pike, 815 S. Orange avenue, East Orange, is down for \$300 organization expense. E. Marx, Allerton Hotel, Chicago, down for \$187.09 lodging, \$250 for loan and \$250 in red for loan repaid.

H.B. Nelmes, 310 W. 97th, N.Y.C., got \$499.70 for travelling expense.

"Payroll.Salaries. \$89,026.71."

S. V. O'Gorman, 420 ~~Washington~~ Walbridge ~~Bldg.~~ Bldg., Buffalo, \$347.44 organization expense. L.M. Peet, 504 Grand avenue, Des Moines, Iowa., \$937.09 organization expense. Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Inc., 409 Union Trust Bldg., Providence, \$82.41 for investigation services. E.A. Quinn, 5626 Sixth avenue, Kenosha, Wis., \$1,100 organization expense and \$6.64 in red u expended balance Wisconsin State office account. ~~Radio~~ Radio League of the Little Flower, Royal Oak, down as having loaned \$99,192.17 is also down as receiving \$132,520.64 as rental and repayment of loans. L.C. Rittmeyer, 626 Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio, \$26.30 organization expenses. J.A. Robbins, 402 Liberty Trust Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa., organization expense, \$1,882.98. G. Ruth, 315 E. Forest avenue, Royal Oak, \$216.98 expense statements Cleveland convention. W. Sauer, Detroit, Mich., Maps. \$300. W.R. Sayer, 508 Liberty Trust Bldg., Phila., \$2,324.11 organization expense. W.R. Sayer, Pittsburgher Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., Advance Pittsb Mass Meeting \$1500 and advance repaid. M. Seibert, 730 S. Laurel St., Royal Oak, Michigan, \$905 recount deposit returned. P. Semmes, 3266 Penobscot Bldg., \$5,000 lgl services. C. Smith, 910 E. 6th st. Royal Oak, \$14.70 transportation charges.

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B.F. Stephenson, Stephenson Bldg. Detroit,
\$1,834.19 organization expense and \$41.53 unexpended. J.D. Sullivan,
509 Hamm Bldg., St. Paul, Minn. organization expense 768.78.
J.I. Upington and B. Marx, 67 East Congress street, Chicago, advance
Ill. Mas. meeting \$5,000. Illinois State office was at 29 S. La Salle
Street, Chicago. ~~Edward~~ L.B. ~~Marx~~ Ward, 708 Fisher Bldg.,
Detroit, Recount deposit, \$17,335 returned and \$198.75 travelling and
phone and telegram expenses. J.C. Williams and Amy Connor, 520 58th
street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, \$1500 advance Wisc. Mass Mtg. \$138.32
returned. "10th ~~Congressional~~ Illinois Congressional
District. 1514 Wilson avenue, Chicago, \$1,000 repayment of loan."
"42d New York Congressional District, Buffalo, N.Y., Organization
expense. \$1,000."

End: "This is a final statement. No further statements
will be rendered as the National Union for Social Justice is no longer
operative."

Receipts reported from units in Conn., Del., Ill.,
Ind., Ia., Ky., Me., Md., Mass., Mich., Minn., Mo., Neb. N.J., N.Y.,
Ohio, Pa., R.I., W. Va., Wisc. Mas., Mich, N.Y., Ohio seem to be
his best states.

September 9, 1936, report by Richard W. Wolfe, treasurer,
Union Party, lists a \$5,000 contribution ~~from~~ 7/10/36 from Philip
Johnson and Allen Blackburn, 1152 Congress Hotel, Chicago. Cumulative
expenditure report National Union has ~~Blackburn~~ "A. Blackburn, Congress
Hotel, Chicago," down for \$148.84 organization expense and \$2500 advance
on Philadelphia meeting. And "P. Johnson, Congress Hotel, Chicago, down for
\$2,601. 72 down for organization expense." W. Thompson, ^{8/12/36} /33 N. La Salle,,
Chicago, down for \$5,000 and John Nystul, 188 W. Randolph, Chicago, 9/2/36
for \$2000 loan. This Nystul is down as getting a \$325 advance as National
Campaign Manager of the Union Party ~~from~~ 7/14/36/. A Thomas Myles, same

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address as Nystul is down for \$25 to organize colored voters 7/20, 36 and Thomas W. Myles, same address 7/28/36 for \$100 same purpose.

Fratessa was California state supervisor of Union party.

John Nystul was natl chairman of the party. Inglesby, Edward J., was treasurer, in N.J. Bramer was State Supervisor of Union for N.Y. Coppinger was agent of the Union in Connecticut. Miles C. Hyes was State Supervisor in Boston. John D. Sullivan was State Supervisor for Minnesota. Stephenson was Michigan State Supervisor. C. J. Siedhoff was treasurer in Missouri. S.O. Sanderson, Hamm Bldg, St. Paul, treasurer for Minnesota. E.M. Holstad, 504 1/2 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, treasurer for Iowa. Also O. A. Mc Mahon of Newton, Iowa, down as treasurer. Leo Kiefer, Keota, Iowa. Siedhoff at 4319 ~~Hamm~~ Linton avenue, St. Louis.

Eleanor Rosenfeld, 612 E. 98d ~~th~~ place, Chicago, employed as stenog by Union Party. Leona W. Moore, secretary and treasurer in Glendale, Arizona. Richard W. Woolfe, Chicago, big contributor to Union party. Emmet Ryan, treasurer, Union Party, 3027 Plasant avenue, Minneapolis.

George A. Ball, Muncie, Indiana, gave \$5000 to Union party.

Miscellaneous Reports

William S. Sturm, treasurer of The Volunteers, 435 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, started off with \$5,000 from Robert R. Mc Cormick and \$100 from H.C. Hopson, 26 Journal Square, Jersey City. H.A. Jung down as buying \$1 worth of circulars from them.

See Dr. Philip Pallotta, People's Party of America Non Partisan Labor Cou cil, Canala Street Circle, 105 Balter Bldg., New Orleans linked with Share Our Wealth Society claiming to be progressive rather than Fascist heirs of Huey Long and anti Gerãad L.E. Smith. Papers filed house attacks Smith for joining "Hearst inspired ticket of the Union party"

Christian Party lists Roy Zachary, Seattle, as organizer.

Contribs E.R. Lindgren, Menette, Washin ton, \$120; R.J. Ellingsen, \$400 and E.E. Kimball, also Por Orchard, Washington, \$110 and Peter Husby, Everett, Wash. \$165, E.E. Peterson, Glendale Wash., treas.